

# BYLAW CHANGES 2023: INDIGENOUS CONSTITUENCY AND MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES


Amendment to create an Indigenous Constituency.

Also to reduce the size of Council, allow Council to remove Executives, and give the President the power to liaise with Constituencies and manage the Vice-Presidents.

Additions indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

## BYLAW 1: INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

2. In these Bylaws unless the context otherwise requires:

 Constituencies — shall mean the student associations and undergraduate societies of the degree granting faculties and schools of UBC Vancouver ***and shall also include the Indigenous Constituency***

## BYLAW 5: STUDENT COUNCIL

### 2. Members

(a) The voting members of Council shall be:

i) the Executive of Council as outlined in Bylaw 5(3)(a);

~~ii) the duly appointed or elected representative of the students at each of the Affiliated Institutions, including but not limited to Regent College, the Vancouver School of Theology, and St. Mark's College, provided that such representatives are elected in accordance with the constitution of the student association of the Affiliated Institution;~~ ***one (1) member to collectively represent the students at the Affiliated Institutions, including but not limited to Regent College, the Vancouver School of Theology, and St. Mark's College, provided that such member is elected by the students at the Institutions;***

iii) the duly elected representatives of the following Constituencies provided that such representatives are elected in accordance with the constitution of the Constituency:

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| (1) Architecture         | (13) Land & Food Systems                                    |
| (2) Arts                 | (14) Law  |
| <del>(3) Audiology</del> | <del>(15) Library, Archival &amp; Information Studies</del> |
| (4) Commerce             | (16) Medicine   |
| (5) Dentistry            | (17) Music  |
| (6) Economics            | (18) Nursing  |
| (7) Education            | (19) Pharmacy   |

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| (8) Engineering                                       | (20) <del>Planning</del>                       |
| (9) Forestry  | (21) <del>Population &amp; Public Health</del> |
| (10) Graduate Studies                                 | (22) Science                                   |
| (11) <del>Journalism</del> <b>Indigenous Students</b> | (23) <del>Social Work</del>                    |
| (12) Kinesiology                                      |  |

and all duly elected representatives of other degree granting faculties and schools of UBC Vancouver, so long as those representatives come from a faculty or school whose enrolment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total enrolment of UBC Vancouver or whose student association has been recognized as a Constituency by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council in accordance with Bylaw 13(2)(a)(i). Should the name of a Constituency change, such change of name shall not affect the representation of such Constituency, and this provision of the Bylaw shall be deemed automatically amended to refer to the new name of the Constituency. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~iv) — an Indigenous student chosen in accordance with procedures set out in the Code.~~

(b) The non-voting members of Council shall be:

- i) the Ombudsperson; and
- ii) such other Members as by Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council are appointed as non-voting members.

~~(c) — Each Constituency shall be entitled to one representative on Council; provided, however, that each Constituency with 3,000 or more active members shall be entitled to one additional representative for each 3,000 active members in the Constituency.~~

**(c) Each Constituency shall be entitled to one representative on Council; provided, however, that each Constituency with 4,000 or more active members shall be entitled to one (1) additional representative if there are at least 4,000 active members in the Constituency, two (2) additional representatives if there are at least 9,000 active members in the Constituency, three (3) additional representatives if there are at least 16,000 active members in the Constituency, and four (4) additional representatives if there are at least 25,000 active members in the Constituency.**

(d) The Constituency membership shall be determined each year from the Society membership list effective from the first day of December.

~~(e) — Each Affiliated Institution shall be entitled to one representative on Council.~~

(f) The incoming members of Council who are Constituency representatives shall assume their office in accordance with the bylaws of their Constituency.

~~(g) The incoming members of Council who are representatives of an Affiliated Institution shall assume their seats on Council in accordance with the constitution of the student association of their Affiliated Institution.~~

(h) A member of Council who is a constituency representative as defined in Bylaw 5(2)(a)(iii) shall lose their membership in Council if such member has missed five (5)

regularly scheduled Council meetings during the School Year.

- (i) A **The** member of Council who is the representative of the students at ~~an~~ **the** Affiliated Institutions as defined in Bylaw 5(2)(a)(ii) shall lose their membership in Council if such member has missed five (5) regularly scheduled Council meetings during the School Year.

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### 3. Executive

#### (a) EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL

The Executive of Council shall be:

- i) The President;
- ii) The Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
- iii) The Vice-President Finance;
- iv) The Vice-President Administration; and
- v) The Vice-President External Affairs.

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#### (c) RECALL OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OR VACANCY OR TEMPORARY ABSENCE IN AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE

- i) A member of the Executive of Council may be removed from office upon:
  - (1) a referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 4 **in which a Two-thirds majority is attained**; ~~or~~
  - (2) a Special Resolution passed at a special general meeting held in accordance with Bylaw 3-; **or**
  - (3) **a Three-quarters (3/4) Resolution of Council.**

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#### (d) DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

- i) The President shall:
  - (1) chair or delegate the chair at all Council meetings, provided however, Council may, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, determine the chair at any time for any period of time;
  - (2) prepare the agenda for each Council meeting;
  - (3) sit as a non-voting member of all committees of the Society with the exception of any committee established to oversee the President and with the further exception of any committee to which Council appoints them

as a voting member;

- (4) ensure that the policies and programs of Council are properly implemented;
- (5) be the official liaison between the Society and the Managing Director **and between the Society and its Constituencies**;
- (6) be responsible for the public relations of the Society;
- (7) ~~assist and advise~~ **assist, advise, and manage** the Vice-Presidents in the duties of their offices;
- (8) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

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(iv) The Vice-President Administration shall:

- (1) be responsible for the construction and maintenance of capital projects undertaken by the Society;
- (2) keep Council informed as to the use, maintenance and condition of facilities owned or operated by the Society;
- (3) liaise with ~~subsidiary organizations of the Society~~ **the Society's Clubs**;
- (4) ensure the implementation of the Society's sustainability policies; and
- (5) have other such duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

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### **BYLAW 13: SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. The subsidiary organizations of the Society shall be constituted under the following classifications:
  - (a) Constituencies; and
  - (b) Clubs.
2. **Constituencies**
  - (a) Council shall recognize the student associations and undergraduate societies of the degree granting faculties and schools of UBC Vancouver as Constituencies of the Society, subject to the following conditions:
    - i) Unless otherwise created by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council, new student associations for degree-granting schools shall only be recognized as Constituencies if their enrolment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total enrolment of UBC Vancouver.

- ii) Groups of students which would otherwise be eligible to form a new constituency but which fail to meet the minimum enrolment requirement shall be granted membership in an existing Constituency by Resolution of Council.

**(b) Council shall also recognize the student association of the Indigenous students at UBC Vancouver and its Affiliated Institutions as a Constituency.**

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- (e) Notwithstanding Bylaw 13(2)(a), Council may by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, including abstentions and blanks, cease to recognize a student association or undergraduate society of a degree granting faculty or school of UBC Vancouver **or of the Indigenous students** as a Constituency of the Society.