


**BYLAW CHANGE 2023:
INDIGENOUS CONSTITUENCY**

Additions indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~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:

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- 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 |
| (3) Audiology | (15) Library, Archival & Information Studies |
| (4) Commerce | (16) Medicine |
| (5) Dentistry | (17) Music |
| (6) Economics | (18) Nursing |
| (7) Education | (19) Pharmacy |
| (8) Engineering | (20) Planning |
| (9) Forestry | (21) Population & Public Health |
| (10) Graduate Studies | (22) Science |
| (11) <i>Indigenous Students</i> | |
| <i>(12 and renumber)</i> Journalism | (23) Social Work |
| (12) Kinesiology | |

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

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- (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.
- (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.

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.**

[and renumber]

- (b) Council may require that a Constituency obtain its consent to:
- i) conduct any functions or activities using the name of the University or the Society;
 - ii) conduct any fund-raising activities including any charity drives.
- (c) Council may at any time, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, amend the bylaws and constitution of a Constituency.
- (d) A Constituency shall, upon the request of Council, immediately forward to Council minutes of its meetings.
- (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.

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4. The constitutions and bylaws of subsidiary organizations shall not contain provisions which are in conflict or repugnant to the Constitution, Bylaws, or Code of the Society.
5. The activities of subsidiary organizations shall comply with any regulations made or resolutions passed from time to time by the Society or Council.
6. All funds received from time to time by a subsidiary organization are the property of the Society and shall be remitted forthwith to the Vice-President Finance.
7. All assets purchased, or otherwise acquired, by a subsidiary organization are owned by the Society and shall be administered by the subsidiary organization.
8. Notwithstanding Bylaw 13(7), Council shall have the power to administer all funds and assets of the Society as it sees fit.
9. All subsidiary organizations shall within seven (7) days submit the following to the Vice-President Finance or Vice-President Administration when requested or when required by Code or the policies adopted by Council:

- (a) a statement of revenues and expenditures of the current fiscal year;
- (b) a statement of proposed revenues and expenditures for the next fiscal year; or
- (c) a list of all assets and inventories currently being administered by the subsidiary.

BYLAW 14: FEES

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6. In accordance with the provisions of the University Act, Council shall provide notice to the Board of Governors to levy a fee, or alter a fee levied, on members of a Constituency, provided:
- (a) that a referendum by secret ballot of the active members of the constituency has been held;
 - (b) that the Constituency has tendered to the President or the President's designate a copy of the ballot used and declaration of the results of the referendum signed by the Treasurer of the Constituency;
 - (c) that the results of the referendum have been made public in the Constituency and in a media source as approved by Council and that no less than twenty-one (21) days have elapsed since the first publication of the results;
 - (d) that a majority of the votes cast approved the levy or alteration;
 - (e) that in a Constituency whose membership is less than one thousand (1,000) the number of active members who voted in the referendum is equal to or greater than fifteen percent (15%) of those members who are eligible to vote or one hundred (100) members, whichever is the lesser;
 - (f) that in a Constituency whose membership is equal to or greater than one thousand (1,000) the number of active members who voted in the referendum is equal to or greater than ten percent (10%) of those members who are eligible to vote.