

CODE CHANGES 2023: CHANGES RESULTING FROM CREATING THE INDIGENOUS CONSTITUENCY

TO: Council
FROM: Governance Review Committee
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Amendments needed because of the recently approved bylaw amendments to create an Indigenous Constituency: e.g., removing the Indigenous Committee.

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

SECTION II: COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHERS

Article 21. — Indigenous Seat

1. ~~Pursuant to Bylaw 5(2)(a)(iv), the Indigenous seat on Council shall be filled by an Indigenous student appointed by the Indigenous Committee.~~

SECTION V: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Article 1. General

1. There shall be Standing and Extraordinary Committees of Council. Council may also appoint ad hoc committees.

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3. The Extraordinary Committees shall be:

- (a) the Elections Committee;
- ~~(b) the Indigenous Committee;~~
- (c) the Affiliates Committee.

Article 14. — Indigenous Committee

1. ~~The Indigenous Committee's terms of reference shall be as stipulated in Section VIII of the Code.~~

SECTION VIII: — INDIGENOUS COMMITTEE

Article 1. — Purpose and Mandate

- ~~1. The purpose of the Indigenous Committee is to establish an Indigenous student governance system on the UBC Vancouver campus and to integrate Indigenous forms of knowledge and practice into the Alma Mater Society (the AMS).~~
- ~~2. The mandate of the Indigenous Committee is to work with the AMS, rather than have the AMS and, by extension, the University do work on our behalf. Our voices, our knowledge and our representation are essential to the true nature of Reconciliation as an action, an action that we are accountable to, as well as all citizens of this land.~~
- ~~3. The Indigenous Committee shall be the responsible party for maintaining, budgeting and disbursing funds from the Indigenous Students Fund, which is to be renewed at the end of every September in perpetuity until otherwise declared by the UBC Vancouver student population through a referendum.~~

Article 2. — Land Acknowledgement

- ~~1. The work and practices of the Indigenous Committee shall be done on the stolen lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) people who have been a part of these sacred lands for millennia.~~
- ~~2. We, along with the University of British Columbia staff and faculty and its approximately 57,000 students, are all guests on this campus, and the larger territory that borders the Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh nations. As guests, it is our responsibility to recognize this land as stolen and sacred, and we must all do our best to honour our hosts as uninvited visitors.~~
- ~~3. It is our priority to honour Musqueam, and the land that we live and work on through partnerships or the way we conduct ourselves as a Committee.~~

Article 3. — Who We Are/Composition

- ~~1. We are Indigenous students of the UBC Vancouver campus whose traditional lands fall within the colonially constructed borders of Canada and the United States of America (we recognize that borders are arbitrary and that many Indigenous nations do not recognize these borders, though they may be constricted by them).~~
- ~~2. Our committee is composed of current Indigenous students who pay regular student fees to the AMS on the UBC Vancouver campus.~~

3. ~~Indigenous Committee members shall consist of Indigenous students who attend regular meetings and participate in Indigenous Committee activities.~~
4. ~~All members shall adhere to our community based decision making process, as this is an integral part of our self governance. Our community based decision making is precolonial, and that is a part of our mission. Members are required to seek approval when asked to speak on behalf of the Committee.~~
5. ~~The Indigenous Committee Executives team shall be elected by consensus by the members of the Indigenous Committee on October 1st of every year. The Executives shall hold their positions for an entire calendar year. In the event that someone can no longer fulfill their role, the outgoing student can recommend a nominee for that role. The Indigenous Committee shall elect a student by consensus to fill that role until the next appointment in early October.~~
6. ~~The Indigenous Committee Executive shall be composed of:~~
 - (a) ~~**Chair(s), whose duties shall include:**~~
 - (i) ~~Creating meeting agendas;~~
 - (ii) ~~Chairing meetings;~~
 - (iii) ~~Overseeing assigned roles, managing member and Executive tasks;~~
 - (iv) ~~Managing communication with the AMS and its members.~~
 - (b) ~~The Vice President, whose duties shall include:~~
 - (i) ~~Being the proxy Chairperson when the Chair(s) are unable to attend;~~
 - (ii) ~~Managing Indigenous Committee historical and current documents.~~
 - (c) ~~Treasurer(s), whose duties shall include:~~
 - (i) ~~Attending training sessions with the AMS Finance office;~~
 - (ii) ~~Keeping bookkeeping records of the Indigenous Students Fund budget for each line item;~~
 - (iii) ~~Managing receipts for reimbursement;~~
 - (iv) ~~Providing regular updates to the Indigenous Committee regarding finances;~~
 - (v) ~~Creating quarterly financial reports for the AMS.~~
 - (d) ~~The Social Media Representative, whose duties shall include:~~
 - (i) ~~Managing social media accounts (such as Facebook and Instagram) and posting regular updates, including meeting dates and dates of other pertinent events.~~
 - (e) ~~Lounge Manager whose duties shall include:~~

- ~~(i) Ensuring all lounge rules are followed.~~
- ~~(ii) Overseeing the general upkeep of the lounge.~~
- ~~(iii) Being responsible for holding a key for the locked cabinet in Room 2131;~~
- ~~(iv) Providing regular access to the cabinet for all members.~~

Article 4. Powers and Duties

1. The Indigenous Committee shall:

- (a) ~~Assert Indigenous knowledge, presence and practices into the AMS;~~
- (b) ~~Ensure Indigenous peoples are represented at UBC Vancouver through all levels of governance and student relations through various means;~~
- (c) ~~Adhere to local traditions while recognizing and respecting our individual cultural beliefs and practices;~~
- (d) ~~Advocate for Indigenous student representation within the AMS and the UBC Vancouver campus;~~
- (e) ~~Ensure that the Indigenous Committee provides a space for Indigenous students on the UBC Vancouver campus to participate in meetings and events;~~
- (f) ~~Safeguard Room 2131, prioritizing it for Indigenous students and Committee guests;~~
- (g) ~~Provide support for issues arising in Room 2131;~~
- (h) ~~Hold Indigenous Committee meetings biweekly from September through April and on an as-needed basis in the summer months;~~
- (i) ~~Manage, maintain, and disburses funds from the Indigenous Students Fund in accordance with Section IX B, Article 6(5)(t) below;~~
- (j) ~~Ensure that the AMS position of the Indigenous Student Engagement Facilitator is held for an Indigenous student, and the Committee will work with the AMS to develop job duties to include:~~
 - ~~(i) — Providing administrative support for the Indigenous Committee;~~
 - ~~(ii) — Attending Indigenous Committee meetings regularly;~~
 - ~~(iii) — Maintaining a direct line of communication with the Indigenous Committee on such matters as Indigenous issues and initiatives that the~~

- AMS is working on and/or overseeing any other relevant campus activities;
- (iv) — ~~Liaising with Indigenous bodies on campus to facilitate communication, networking and collaboration for the Indigenous Committee and its projects.~~

Article 5. — Annual Goals

1. The annual goals of the Indigenous Committee shall be to:

- (a) ~~Plan at least one Indigenous focused event on the UBC Vancouver campus;~~
- (b) ~~Host ongoing activities in Room 2131 to enhance Indigenous student engagement in the Nest;~~
- (c) ~~Provide financial support for Indigenous student clubs with the Indigenous Students Fund through an application process;~~
- (d) ~~Provide financial support for Indigenous students' professional development with the Indigenous Students Fund through an application process.~~

SECTION IX B. FISCAL PROCEDURES

Article 6. Funds

5. Funds Established by Referendum

- (s) **The Indigenous Student Fund** shall be administered by the Indigenous **Constituency. In accordance with the referendum of March 2019, the Fund shall be used for Indigenous student support and initiatives.** ~~Committee, in consultation with the Finance Committee and the AMS Finance Team (who shall provide support and training), in accordance with the following provisions:~~
- (i) — ~~In accordance with the referendum of March 2019, the Fund shall be used for Indigenous student support and initiatives, including the following:~~
- 1) ~~Pow Wow: A large scale event to be produced by the Indigenous Committee in concert with other departments on campus, as the Indigenous Committee sees fit.~~
 - 2) ~~Indigenous Clubs: For Indigenous students to access funds to begin their own clubs and to sustain their club activities as they see fit. (Each club should keep a detailed report of how funds are being used so that the Indigenous Committee can have a record of the usage of funds for future reference.)~~

- 3) ~~Conference Sponsorship: For Indigenous students to apply for sponsorship to attend conferences, summits or other special training pertaining to their education. Funding can be applied to application fees, airfare, hotels, or other travel to the event itself.~~
 - 4) ~~The Indigenous Committee: For the operating cost of the Indigenous Committee for its meetings and team building events.~~
 - 5) ~~The Indigenous Student Lounge, Room 2131 in the Nest: For the purchase of items for the room and students who use the room, including, but not limited to furniture, organizational items, and snack items for students.~~
 - 6) ~~Marketing: For the promotion and advertising of Indigenous Committee events, such as the annual large-scale event, business cards, stickers, banners, etc.~~
 - 7) ~~Gifts and Honorariums: For gifts or cash items for Elders and respected individuals who assist the Indigenous Committee in some form.~~
 - 8) ~~Arts Event: For an event or series of events that promote Indigenous culture, knowledge systems, cultural performers, artists, speakers, etc. for the betterment of Indigenous relations with all other students on the UBC Vancouver campus.~~
 - 9) ~~Contingency: For unforeseen events or circumstances whereby funds are needed on an emergency basis.~~
- (ii) ~~The Indigenous Committee shall administer the Fund by way of two (2) Indigenous Committee appointed Indigenous student treasurers, who shall be responsible for submitting quarterly reports to the AMS.~~
- (iii) ~~Disbursements shall be approved by the Indigenous Committee at scheduled meetings.~~