

## 2021 Summary of Material Bylaw Changes

Article	Change
Removed 1.5	“Ad hoc Working Group” are groups of Active members that exist continuously, meeting as needed, and act upon affairs of the Association pertaining to a specific area.
Added 1.20	“Collective Agreement Levy” means the document that outlines the rights and responsibilities of graduate assistants and their employer, the University of Calgary.
Added 1.27	“Departing Volunteer” has the meaning set out in Bylaw 8.10.2.
1.42	“Governance Coordinator” means the Governance Coordinator Staff Member who coordinates governance-related activities for the Association.
Added 1.56	“Labour Relations Committee Budget” means the annual budget for the revenue derived from the collection of the Collective Agreement Levy, and the expenses relate to labour relations matters.
Added 1.75	“Staff Member” means any person who is employed by the Association.
6.7.1	Commissioners shall be responsible for the duties assigned to them.
Removed 6.7.1.1	[Commissioners shall be] Voting members of the GRC, subject to Bylaw 4.2, 9.3, and 9.17.
Added 6.8.1	The EO may assign another Staff Member to attend any Board meeting to record the minutes when the Governance Coordinator is not present at such meeting.
6.10	The Board may strike any <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee or Standing Committee as needed or required as long as Terms of Reference have been approved by the Board, in advance of any activity of such committee.
6.11	The Board shall vote to recommend annual Association budgets to FSC and GRC, including, but not limited to, Association Operations, Quality Money, the Last Defence Lounge and other budgets related to internally restricted revenues.
Added 6.12	The Board shall vote to recommend the annual Labour Relations Committee Budget, prepared by LRC, to FSC.
6.14.7.1	... Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, any questions arising at any meeting of Directors or of any committee of Directors must be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting shall not have a second or casting vote and such question shall be deemed to be lost.

Removed 6.14.6	Oversee the committee responsible for negotiating agreements for graduate assistantships and  The President has the authority to appoint any Active Member whom they feels has the ability to act in the best interest of the Association as the lead negotiator;
6.16.10 - 6.14.12	Updated committee names and responsibilities.
Removed 6.14.14	Assume responsibility of vacant Directorships, subject to Bylaw 6.2 and 6.20.
6.17.3	Updated committee names and responsibilities.
Removed 6.15.4	Sit on the subcommittees of GFC and FGS according to the respective terms of reference.
Added 6.19.4	Be responsible for maintaining the Association's relationships with UCalgary's affiliated entities involved in the planning and execution of the Association's orientation initiatives.
Added 6.20.9, 6.20.9.1	be responsible for the oversight of the LRC and  ensure fulfilment of the Association's duty of fair representation to AEGS.  call LRC meetings if necessary.
Added 6.20.10	Be responsible to adjudicate and review the Terms of Reference ToR for graduate students' Sustainability Award in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability.
Added 6.24.3	The removed Director may appeal this decision to the Judicial Board within five (5) Business Days of the GRC ratification or vote.
8.5	The Association shall require a minimum of two (2) or three (3) signatories to sign any legal or financial documentation relating to the Association, or to withdraw funds from an Association account. The number of required signatories shall be determined based on the amount of the transaction as outlined in the Finance Policy.
Added 8.6, 8.6.1, 8.6.2	The Association shall require a minimum of two (2) signatories to sign any legal documentation relating to the Association.  Subject to Bylaw 8.6.2, the only eligible signatories are the Directors and the EO.  The only eligible signatories for signing legal documentation regarding business of the Labour Relations Committee are the Directors, the EO, and the LRC Chair.
Removed 8.10.1	If a Director resigns, is removed, or is otherwise permanently unable to fulfill their duties, the fellowship of that Directorship may be shared by two (2) or

	more Directors until such time as an election can be held in accordance with Bylaw 6.24.
Added 8.10.2	If a chair or vice-chair volunteer resigns, is removed, or is otherwise permanently unable to fulfill their duties (the “Departing Volunteer”), the fellowship of such volunteer may be shared by two (2) or more other chair or vice-chair volunteer(s) until a replacement chair or vice chair has been appointed. If extra hours are required to fulfill the Departing Volunteer’s responsibilities additional workload, the volunteer(s) taking on such responsibilities may be entitled to additional remuneration.
8.11.4	at least three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) other Active Members, one of which must be a GRC Representative, and granted membership by FSC consensus.
Added 8.13.3	determine by majority vote whether to support the draft budgets and fee changes recommended by the Board prior to being presented to GRC for final approval.
Added 8.13.4	Approve by majority vote, the LRC Budget recommended by the Board.
8.20.1.2, 8.20.1.3, 8.20.2.2, 8.20.2.3	less than \$10,000 shall be approved by the Board in advance and then reviewed by the FSC; and  in excess of \$10,000 must be approved by the Board and the FSC in advance.  less than \$10,000 shall be approved by the Board in advance and then reviewed by the FSC; and  in excess of \$10,000 must be approved by the Board and the FSC in advance.
Added 17.9.3	Any decision regarding the granting of any award or bursary or the award of any grant shall be final. No Active Member shall raise a dispute arising from or in connection with any such decision.
18.4.2	two (2) faculty representative members from each of the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Arts, and Schulich School or Engineering.
18.4.3	four (4) representative members from any faculties not listed in Bylaw 18.4.2, provided that no two (2) such members shall be from the same faculty.
Added 18.4.4	The VP Finance and Services as ex-officio
18.9.3	Prepare the annual LRC Budget.
Added  18.9.4, 18.9.4.1, 18.9.4.1.1	Appoint, through majority vote, any person whom LRC determines has the ability to act in the best interest of AEGS, as the lead negotiator.  The Board must review the appointment and be given the opportunity to appeal to LRC through a meeting called by the VP Finance and Services, to change the appointment if the Board determines the Active Member unfit to act in the best interest of AEGS.

Added 18.9.1.1.1	Intention to appeal must be communicated by the board to the LRC Chair within 5 (five) business days. The meeting must be held within 21 days.
Added 18.12.1	The removed LRC Chair may appeal this decision to the Judicial Board within five (5) Business Days of the LRC ratification or vote.
Added 18.13	Any LRC Member may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the LRC and approval by the LRC Chair and Board.
Added 18.15	If at any time the LRC Chair position becomes vacant, the associated responsibilities will be undertaken by the VP Finance and Services until the vacancy is filled., The VP Finance and Services will remain ex-officio on the LRC Committee. If extra hours are required to fulfill the responsibilities of the LRC Chair, the VP Finance and Services may be entitled to additional remuneration as outlined in the Governance Policy.
18.23	In the event that there is only one nominee for LRC Chair, the AEGS will be presented with the option to vote for such nominee or choose not to vote for them. Such single nominee must receive greater than 50% of the votes cast for the position they are nominated for, or the decision will be decided through a by-election.
18.28	The VP Finance and Services and the LRC Chair shall report the status of the collective bargaining process to the LRC and provide context to any recommendations or offers.
Overall document	<p><b>In addition to the aforementioned changes, numerous grammatical and formatting changes occurred throughout the Bylaws. This has caused certain sections to be rearranged. It is recommended that these bylaws be read in their entirety.</b></p> <p><b>Questions regarding this document and/or updates before the AGM? Please email the GSA President at <a href="mailto:pres.gsa@ucalgary.ca">pres.gsa@ucalgary.ca</a>.</b></p>