

Policy Section	Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
Preamble	Whereas the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Students' Association ("Saitsa") is incorporated under section 93 of the Alberta Post-Secondary Learning Act, SA 2003, c.P-19.5 and as a non-profit society registered under the Alberta Societies Act, RSA 2000, c.S-14, the following Bylaws are enacted to govern the management and affairs of the organization.	Whereas <u>The Students' Association of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, also operating as</u> the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Students' Association ("Saitsa"), is incorporated under section 93 of the Post-Secondary Learning Act (Alberta), SA 2003, c P-19.5, and as a non-profit society registered under the Societies Act (Alberta), RSA 2000, c S-14, the following Bylaws are enacted to govern the management and affairs of the organization.	Recommendation from legal counsel. From Legal Counsel: "Saitsa name under the Post Secondary Learning Act must be "Students' Association of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology," so it is important to use this name at the beginning of the bylaws as Saitsa is not officially under the Post Secondary Learning Act, but will be eventually."
2.21	Saitsa Fees means all fees collected by Saitsa and paid by Voting Members.	Saitsa fees means all fees collected by Saitsa and paid by Voting Members <u>but do not include any health plan fee and/or dental plan fee which may be collected by Saitsa. For clarity purposes, health plan fees and/or dental plan fees are not restricted or limited by these Bylaws.</u>	Legal counsel developed new wording based on recommendations from Saitsa's auditors.
3.14	Saitsa may collect fees from Voting Members in accordance with these Bylaws including: a) Saitsa Membership Fees; b) The Restricted Students' Association Building & Maintenance Fund fee; and c) Any other fee that may be approved by referendum.	Saitsa may collect fees from Voting Members in accordance with these Bylaws including: a) Saitsa Membership Fees; and, b) <u>One-time levies, fees or special assessments as approved by the Board in its sole discretion which will not increase Saitsa Fees by more than 4.99 percent in aggregate in any given year.</u>	Legal counsel developed new wording based on recommendations from Saitsa's auditors.

3.15	Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, any increase to a Saitsa Fee must be approved by a referendum of Voting Members.	<u>With the exception of the fees described in Sections 3.14(b),</u> any increase to a Saitsa Fee must be approved by a referendum of Voting Members;	Recommendation from legal counsel. From Legal Counsel: "This excludes increases to the above one-time levies from needing to be approved by referendum"
5.5	The Board shall govern the business and affairs of Saitsa on behalf of the membership and may make all further policies and decisions regulating the conduct of the organization provided such policies and decisions are consistent with legislation governing the organization and these bylaws	The Board shall govern the business and affairs of Saitsa on behalf of the membership and may make all further policies and decisions regulating the conduct of the organization, <u>including board member conduct</u> , provided such policies and decisions are consistent with legislation governing the organization and these bylaws	Recommendations from third party bylaw expert- This clarifies and provides a specific basis for proposed changes to GP-11-1.
5.22	New section to be added after existing 5.22	Notwithstanding 5.22(c), <u>the Board of Directors may approve medical leaves of absence or reinstate a Board member who has been absent for medical reasons.</u>	Recommendation from third party bylaw expert-This added provision enables proposed changes to GP-9-10.
8.3	Referenda of Voting Members may be held during the general election period each spring to decide on: a) A proposed increase to Saitsa Membership Fees above five (5) percent; b) The creation of a new Saitsa Fee; c) Any increase to an existing Saitsa Fee; d) Any expenditure from the Restricted Students' Association Building Fund; or e) Any other question as determined by the Board.	Referenda of Voting Members may be held during the general election period each spring to decide on: a) A proposed increase to Saitsa Membership Fees above five (5) percent <u>in any given year;</u> b) The creation of a new Saitsa Fee <u>levy or special assessment which will have the effect of an increase in total Saitsa Fees of more than five (5) percent in any given year;</u> c) Any increase to an existing Saitsa Fee <u>above five (5) percent in any given year;</u>	Legal counsel developed new wording based on recommendations from Satisa's auditors.

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