



Governance &  
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# **Bylaws Update Proposal**

*Summary*

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Saitsa\***  
SAIT Students'  
Association

# Bylaws Section 2.2

Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
<p>Active Student means a student who is enrolled and participates in a minimum of one (1) SAIT course in the current Academic Year.</p>	<p>Active Student means a person who holds active student status as determined by the Office of the Registrar of SAIT during the current Academic Term.</p>	<p>The updated definition aligns with SAIT's official terminology and the Registrar's determination of "active student status." A third-party bylaws expert has reviewed the modified definition to ensure it is consistent with the current bylaws.</p>

# Bylaws Section 2.17

Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
<p>Voting Member means an active student who has paid their Saitsa fees within the current academic year.</p>	<p>Voting Member means an active student who has paid their Saitsa fees within the current Academic Term.</p>	<p>The updated definition aligns with SAIT's official terminology. A third-party bylaws expert has reviewed the modified definition to ensure it is consistent with the current bylaws.</p>

# Bylaws Section 5.15

Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
<p>Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable legislation, these bylaws, Saitsa policy, and Robert's Rules of Order.</p>	<p>Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable legislation, these bylaws and organizational policy.</p>	<p>Removes the reference to Robert's Rules of Order to allow adoption of a different Rules of Order model through policy or future bylaw amendment. A third-party bylaw expert has reviewed the proposed Approved change to verify it complies with best practices and appropriate bylaw standards.</p>

# Bylaws Section 5.20

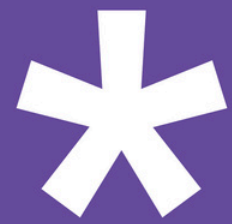
Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
<p>All Directors are required to be Active Students in good standing with SAIT, must take a minimum of one (1) Saitsa Fee-paying course during 2 of the Fall, Winter and/or Spring semesters (excluding apprentices), and may not academically withdraw during their term.</p>	<p>All Board Directors are required to be an Active Student in good standing with SAIT and maintain that status for the duration of their term with Saitsa. In addition to that, Directors are required to be enrolled in at least one (1) Saitsa fee-paying course during a minimum of two (2) Academic Terms (Fall, Winter, and/or Spring), excluding apprentices, and shall not academically withdrawal during their term with Saitsa.</p>	<p>Clarifies Board of Directors' eligibility requirements, ensuring Directors maintain Active Student status throughout their term. A third-party bylaws expert has reviewed the change to ensure it is consistent with the current bylaws.</p>

# Bylaws Section 8.3

Original Wording	New Wording	Rationale
Referenda of Voting Members may be held during the general election period each spring to decide on:	Referenda of Voting Members may be held during the general election period to decide on:	Removes the word “spring” to provide scheduling flexibility for referenda while preserving alignment with Saitsa’s election period.

**Thank you**





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