



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2014 - 2015 # 08

*Date: August 12, 2014*

*Time: 6:33 pm*

### In Attendance:

*Stephanie Gruhlke (Chair)*

*Bo Zhang*

*Justis Allard*

*Surya Bhatia*

*Marina Banister*

*Nicholas Diaz*

### Excused Absence:

*Colin Champagne*

*Kathryn Ordzuk*

*Navneet Khinda*

### Others in Attendance:

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by *GRUHLKE* at 6:33 pm.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*DIAZ* moved that the *August 12* agenda be approved as *tabled*.  
Seconded by *BHATIA*.

Vote on Motion 6 / 0 / 0  
*CARRIED*.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*BHATIA* moved that the *July 29* minutes be approved as *tabled*.  
The motion was seconded by *ALLARD*.

Vote on Motion 6 / 0 / 0  
*CARRIED*.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Progress of Summer Goals

- June: Student Space and MNIFs policies were approved. Health and Wellness is being discussed and the committee is working on that.

- July: Student Loan is still being worked on.
- August: Affordable Housing will be discussed in the next meeting.

All the issues were being addressed in the summer and the committee is only working on the wordings of the policies. For Health and Wellness, the committee figured out what happened last year and for Student Loan, it was delayed because of the possibility of combining several financial related policies.

GRUHLKE started planning what the committee should discuss in the Fall semester. Academic Materials, Fall Reading Week, Food, Smoke-Free Environment, and Sustainability policies will be expiring and GRUHLKE hoped that all these policies can be dealt with so that the work load of the Winter semester will be less heavy. Then members of the committee or the Council can work on drafting new policies.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. ORAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### 1. VP Student Life

DIAZ reported on Internationalization. The International Student Services had a wonderful open house. The registration of International Student Association continues. The planning for a multicultural/Heritage's Days event is ongoing.

For Health and Wellness, DIAZ had a meeting with Recreation Services today to discuss a program called "Live Well." BANISTER discovered that there are a lot free program provided this year and she liked very much. In addition to the free programs and the rebrand that brings it more in line with University Wellness Services, there was a conversation around campus house strategy. DIAZ also reported that all student rates are 10% less than last year.

About Residence, DIAZ had received a request from his research people of the advocacy team to create a residence complain form for all residences on campus. He had an ongoing meeting with every residence associations to discuss a new residence association bylaw and their advocacy efforts. He will also meet with Lauren Mickel, VP Student Life of MacEwan University, next week. The president of Residence Hall Association had resigned, DIAZ appointed its VP Community Jordan Simao as the new president on the recommendation of the former president.

#### 2. VP Academic

Since ORDZUK was absent, GRUHLKE quickly went through her report email.

Pertaining to Academic Materials, ORDZUK tried to educate instructors about the cost of textbooks and alternative available to them through "Be

Book Smart” campaign. She also spoke at the new professor orientation and talked about various ways the professor can do under Academic Materials.

Pertaining to Quality Instruction, SU advocates for more effective student teaching evaluation mechanism and its result will be made ready available to students. ORDZUK will be working with the university to revise the new EUSRI system.

For Student in Governance, SU shall actively communicate to the university the value of student representatives and student representative groups. Efforts will be made to ensure that the representatives and representative groups will have resources they need to build advocacy efforts and communities.

The committee could email her and cc the email to the rest of committee if they have questions so that her answers can reach the whole committee.

### 3. VP External

KHINDA did not send in her report but she might send in later.

## **7. QUESTION PERIOD**

### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Possible Changes to Standing Orders

A question was submitted to DIE Board by ZHANG to ask, whether the bylaw implies that Council has the power to remove committee member, if according to current bylaw it has the power to appoint them. This issue remains unclear. ZHANG will wait the explanation from DIE Board. If the committees change their standing order, they will change the jurisdiction of the Council.

GRUHLKE tabled this item until the committee hears from DIE Board.

#### Health and Wellness Policy

DIAZ and CHAMPAGNE discussed this policy to put it around the health strategy of this province, expanding Health and Wellness to encompass more than just traditional clinical resources but also include financial aids.

GRUHLKE asked about the timeline of this policy. DIAZ explained this will be part of a boarder movement and he will try to produce the first principle by next meeting.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **10. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### Affordable Housing Research

GRUHLKE asked about an update for the Affordable Housing research. DIAZ answered that they had setup a new system and the deadline for it will be the end of August.

#### Student Loan

GRUHLKE did not receive an update from KHINDA but she assumed her deadline will be the same as DIAZ by the end of August.

Fall Semester Meeting Dates

The committee discussed a possible date that work for every member. The committee decided to meet in off-Council weeks. After discussion, Monday is the optimal day but the exact day will be decided after GRUHLKE hears from the absented member. BHATIA expressed that she can attend the meeting any day of the week and GRUHLKE praised her as “my favourite person of the committee.”

**11. REPORTS**

**12. CLOSED  
SESSION**

**13. NEXT MEETING** *August 26th, 2014 @6:30pm*  
It will be the last meeting of the summer.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** *GRUHLKE* moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion was seconded by *DIAZ*.

Vote on Motion 6 / 0 / 0  
*CARRIED*.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.