



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2014 - 2015 # 09

Date: September 15, 2014

Time: 6:10 pm

In Attendance:

Justis Allard

Surya Bhatia

Marina Banister

Navneet Khinda

Vivian Kwan

Excused Absence:

Colin Champagne

Kathryn Ordzuk

Stephanie Gruhlke

Nicholas Diaz

Bo Zhang

Others in Attendance:

**1. CALL TO
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *BANISTER* at 6:10 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

BHATIA moved that the *September 15* agenda be approved as *tabled*.
Seconded by *ALLARD*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

BANISTER moved that the *August 12* minutes be approved as *tabled*.
The motion was seconded by *BHATIA*.

Vote on Motion 2 / 0 / 3
CARRIED.

4.

BANISTER, on behalf of *GRUHLKE*, announced that *GRUHLKE* wanted

ANNOUNCEMENTS the committee to discuss Health and Wellness, and Affordable Housing Policy as they are ready for the next meeting. She wanted the committee to finish the drafting of First Principles for these policies then create Task Forces to work on the principles.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. ORAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. VP Student Life

DIAZ notified the committee via email that he wishes to table the Affordable Housing Policy because the committee does not have anything for the discussion.

2. VP External

KHINDA did not have any updates, but the committee could ask her if they had any question.

3. VP Academic

ORDZUK sent out a report to the committee.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Student Finances Policy

KHINDA sent the drafted consolidated policy to the committee for discussion and asked the committee for their comments on the consolidated policy. She explained that the BIRT clauses touch a lot of issues in regards to the government, the University, and the donors.

BHATIA likes the consolidated policy because it is easier for people to look at one policy with subsections instead of going back and forward for four separated policies, since all the policies are interrelated.

ALLARD also likes the streamlined approach of the consolidated policy that makes sure the policies are consistent with each other. His only concern was the combined policy would weaken each individual policy. But it was addressed so he did not have further problem with the consolidated policy.

KHINDA further explained that the drafted policy from the research team is only an example of how a consolidated policy will look like. She assures the committee that it is not the First Principles of the policy. If the committee agrees to consolidate the finances policies, the committee can start the discussion of the First Principles in the next meeting.

KHINDA moved that the Policy Committee consolidates its financial policies. Seconded by BANISTER.

Vote on Motion 4 / 0 / 1
CARRIED.

2. Affordable Housing Policy

BANISTER moved that the discussion of Affordable Housing Policy be tabled

to the next meeting.
Seconded by *KHINDA*.

Vote on Motion 4 / 0 / 1
CARRIED.

3. Health and Wellness Policy
This policy needs to be done for next week.

BANISTER moved that *the discussion of Health and Wellness Policy be tabled to the next meeting.*
Seconded by *KHINDA*.

Vote on Motion 4 / 0 / 1
CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Councilor Goals

GRUHLKE welcomes councilors, in this committee or in general, to bring the policies they want to work on to the committee.

2. Upcoming Policy Renewals

The policies expired in April 2014 are Affordable Housing, Deferred Maintenance, Health and Wellness, Research, Student Loans. The policies that need to be worked on as they are expiring in April 2015 are Academic Materials, Fall reading Week, Food, Smoke Free Environment, and Sustainability. So there are three more policies that the committee has to deal with.

11. REPORTS

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. NEXT MEETING The committee discussed a possible meeting day as *ORDZUK* and *CHAMPAGNE* have class on Monday night.

ALLARD, *BHATIA*, *BANISTER* and *KHINDA* are available on Tuesday after 6pm and Thursday after 5pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT *BANISTER* moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *BHATIA*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.