

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

6:00 PM

SUB 0-55

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the

University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

AGENDA (PC-2018-01)

2018-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-01/1a Call to Order

2018-01/1b Approval of Agenda

2018-01/1c Approval of Minutes

2018-01/1d Chair's Business

2018-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-01/3a Introductions

2018-01/3b General duties/expectations overview

2018-01/3c Discussion of Spring/Summer meeting schedule

See PC-2018-01.02.

2018-01/3d Policies up for review discuss

See PC-2018-01.03.

2018-01/3e Residence/Internationalization policy discussion

See PC-2018-01.04 and See PC-2018-01.05.

2018-01/3f New/other policy discussion

2018-01/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-01/4a *PC-2018-00-M - Thursday, May 10, 2018, Minutes*

See PC-2018-01.01.

2018-01/4b Tentative Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule

See PC-2018-01.02.

2018-01/4c Policies up for review discuss

See PC-2018-01.03.

2018-01/4d Residence Policy Draft

See PC-2018-01.04.

2018-01/4e Internationalization Policy Draft

See PC-2018-01.05.

2018-01/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2018-01/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 7, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.



University of Alberta Students' Union

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ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Jonathan Barraclough (Interim Chair)		Y	
Robert Bilak		Y	
Kara Farris		Y	
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
Connor Palindat		N	Y
Breanna Palmer		Y	
Stephen Raitz		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar (ex-officio)		Y	
Adam Brown (ex-officio)		N	
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		Y	

MINUTES (PC-2018-00)

2018-00/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-00/1a **Call to Order**

BARRACLOUGH: Called the meeting to order at 5:59PM.

2018-00/1b **Approval of Agenda**

BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-00/1c **Approval of Minutes**

N/A

2018-00/1d Chair's Business

BARRACLOUGH: Identified that the procedure for the election of committee chairpeople is limited and unclear. Established that Bylaw Committee has the best defined procedure and, therefore, he will use it in *2018-00/3a*.

2018-00/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-00/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-00/3a Selection of a Chair

PALMER: Clarified that the chair arranges room bookings, selects the agenda, moderates debate, responds to emails promptly, assigns duties to the membership, submits reports to Students' Council and cannot be a member of the executive.

FARRIS nominated BILAK: accepted:
RAITZ nominated RAITZ: accepted.

BARRACLOUGH: Opened nomination speeches.

BILAK: Cited his past experience as a former member of the Committee. Noted that he consulted with former chair Cllr Howie identify reforms. Stressed that the spring and summer are ideal to complete policy review. Noted that he has a spreadsheet that details policy action items. Asked members for their votes.

RAITZ: Emphasised to consider policy reforms in scope. Cited his past experience coordinating teams, programming residence policy, and the working with City of Edmonton zoning. Noted that he likewise met with Cllr Howie to discuss Policy reforms. Asked members for support.

BHATNAGAR: Inquired into the policies for which each candidate is especially excited to review.

RAITZ: Responded that his interest is in capital projects and engagement. Noted that their relative small size would permit him to lead their review.

BILAK: Responded that his interest is in experiential learning and gender policy. Suggested the gender policy be remade into a border inclusive policy.

PALMER: Inquired into how the members would chair a meeting with a substantial amount of work on the agenda.

BILAK: Responded that much of Committee work is independent after one is assigned to a particular policy.

RAITZ: Responded that, as chair, he would keep both agenda items and policy review in scope.

FARRIS: Inquired into whether both candidates will be on Campus for Spring and Summer.

RAITZ: Responded that he will be in Edmonton for Spring and Summer except for one week in July.

BILAK: Responded that he will be in Edmonton for Spring and Summer except for September 4th. Cited his near perfect attendance record at Students' Council and committee meetings.

BOURGEOIS: Inquired into the details of Raitz's work with the City of Edmonton.

RAITZ: Responded that he worked with Development Services on rezoning, subdivisions, and helping citizens understand the application of bylaw on their property.

MOGALE: Inquired into the candidates, as chair, would ensure valuable consultations are occurring prior to policy finalisation.

RAITZ: Responded that his work in residences, urban planning, the City has involved consultations. Identified one-on-one meetings as a strong method of engagement.

BILAK: Responded that his past service and community connections are assets for consulting students. Expressed concern over the limited communication amongst Committee members in past terms. Suggested that the Committee meet more frequently than once a month.

PALMER: Inquired into how the candidate, as chair, would address issues of sensitivity such as sexual assault policy or gender policy.

BILAK: Responded that there are ten policies for renewal by next April 30th. Noted that the consultations undertaken by the Committee will provide for a balanced perspective that respect issues of sensitivity.

RAITZ: Responded that he will differentiate between policies which have large workloads and those which are relatively smaller.

RAITZ is declared appointed as chairperson of Policy Committee by secret ballot.

2018-00/3b Adoption of Standing Orders
See PC-2018-00.01.

MOGALE: Noted that the Standing Orders are limited to he/she pronouns.

BHATNAGAR/PALMER MOVED to amend the Standing Orders to non-gendered language to be implemented for the next meeting.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

MOGALE: Determined to draft the amendments for next meeting.

RAITZ: Noted Committee placements will occur at the next meeting.

BARRACLOUGH: Established that the comparative review of the Bylaw and Policy Committees' Standing Orders in relation to the election of a chairperson can happen at a later date.

BOURGEOIS/FARRIS MOVED to approve and adopt the Standing Orders as included in *PC-2018-00.01*.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-00/3c Confirmation of Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule

PALINDAT: Supported off-council Tuesday meetings in the evening.

PALMER: Noted that she has difficulty on Tuesdays.

BOURGEOIS: Proposed meetings on Thursdays at 6:00PM.

BOURGEOIS/PALMER MOVED to approve the Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule for off-council Thursday's at 6:00PM, every other week, starting on May 24th.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-00/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-00/4a Policy Committee Manual
See PC-2018-00.02.

2018-00/4b Policy Committee, Chairs Transition Report
See PC-2018-00.03.

2018-00/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2018-00/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 24th, 2018 @ 6:00PM in the Students' Union Building.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
BHATNAGAR/PALMER MOVED to amend the Standing Orders to non-gendered language to be implemented for the next meeting.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
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BOURGEOIS/PALMER MOVED to approve the Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule for off-council Thursday's at 6:00pm, every other week, starting on May 24th.	7/0/0 - CARRIED

Meetings are at 6 pm and will be held in SUB

- May 24th, 2018
- June 7th, 2018
- June 21st, 2018
- July 5th, 2018
- July 19th, 2018
- August 2nd, 2018
- August 16th, 2018
- August 30th, 2018

- Residence - Work completed last year
- Internationalization - Work completed last year
- Food - Not completed last year
- CSJ Linguistic Accessibility - Not completed last year
- Capital projects
- Engagement
- Experiential learning
- Gender
- Quality instruction
- Student employment
- Students in governance
- Truth and reconciliation

1 Facts

1. Residents require livable spaces in compliance with the Province of Alberta's Minimum Housing Standards.
2. Residents pay for and expect quality services such as laundry and kitchen ~~appliances~~ **equipment**.
3. Residents need to be able to schedule around maintenance staff entering their units.
4. Residence services should follow clear deadlines with respect to inspections and notice of entry.
5. Residents ~~should~~ have the opportunity to be present during move-in, interim, and move-out inspections.
6. Residence Associations are student representative associations and ~~should~~ have the opportunity to make decisions on behalf of and provide programs for their constituents.
7. Residence Associations require office space, living space, the ability to communicate with their constituents, and clear guidelines as to their jurisdiction.
8. Residence Association finances require transparent and efficient fee collection, financial regulation, administration, and support in order to function.
9. Shared residence on University properties are exempt from the Residential Tenancies Act.¹

2 Resolutions

1. The Students' Union ~~will~~ **advocate** for accessible, affordable, clean, comfortable, and secure residences for students.
2. The Students' Union ~~will~~ **advocate** for quality residence services and fair processes for students.
3. The Students' Union ~~will~~ **shall** oppose rent and food plan increases beyond the CPI unless increased funds benefit students living in residence directly.
4. The Students' Union ~~will~~ **shall** advocate that the residence fee schedule be consistent with respect to expenses and approved in a transparent manner.
5. The Students' Union ~~will~~ **shall** advocate for the fair treatment and support of Residence Associations, ~~so that~~ **such that** they can best fulfil their mandate.

¹ <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/R17P1.pdf>

- ~~The Students' Union will advocate to the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton to remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and to the University of Alberta so that they pass any ensuing savings to students in residence or deferred maintenance.~~
- The Students' Union will advocate that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing, *only when such capital funds demonstrate a commitment to affordable housing.*
- ~~The Students' Union will cease to advocate for the use of residence facilities should ancillary or residence services become detrimental and/or excessively burdensome to students.~~
- The Students' Union will advocate for clear timelines on deferred maintenance in residences.
- The Students Union will advocate that shared *University residences* ~~shared residences on university property~~ be included *under* ~~in~~ some form of provincial regulation or legislation.

3 References

- Government of Alberta. Accessed Jan. 30, 2018. "RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT". Queens Access Printer. <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/R17P1.pdf>

Political Policy Internationalization

DRAFT (2017)

1 Facts

1. ~~The number of international students in Canada has increased by 148 percent from 2002 to 2011^[4].~~ **The number of international students in Canada has increased by 80 percent from 2006 to 2015¹.**
2. ~~The number of international students transitioning from temporary to permanent resident status increased by 16 percent from 2002 to 2011^[2].~~ **Between 20 and 27 percent of international students transition from temporary to permanent resident status within 10 years of their first study permit. However, the rate of this transition has not kept up with the pace of international student enrollment in Canadian post-secondary institutions.²**
3. ~~The rate of international students transitioning from temporary to permanent resident status in the past decade has not kept up with the pace of international student enrollment in Canadian post-secondary institutions.~~
3. **The International - Differential Fee (IDF) represents a serious threat to affordability and accessibility.**
4. **International students have less access to merit-based and need-based aid, and do not have access to Government student loans.**
5. **Renewable scholarships for international students are important for their financial planning and cannot be regained if lost.**
6. ~~Post-secondary~~ **Post-secondary** institutions may charge international students more than they cost to educate.
7. **International students should not bear the burden of an institutions' financial deficits.**
8. **The University of Alberta and the Students' Union recognizes the importance of international students.**
9. **The Government of Alberta does not require educational institutions to charge -International Differential Fees (IDFs).**

10. The Public Post-Secondary Institutions Tuition Fees Regulation -does not regulate International Differential fees (IDFs).
11. The International Differential Fee limits the geographic diversity of our international students.
12. A diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education.
13. An enhanced campus experience may increase engagement and retention of international students.
14. ~~Recent surveys have shown that:~~
 - ~~a. integration with domestic students;~~
 - ~~b. accessibility of on-campus housing; and~~
 - ~~c. quality of career-related programming are the top three experiences international students seek in their post-secondary experience.~~
14. The transfer credit system plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of internationalization at the University of Alberta.
15. Cultural awareness and global experiences are highly sought-after attributes by potential employers.
16. International students are disproportionately charged with academic³ and non-academic⁴ misconduct under both the Code of Student Behaviour (COSB) and the Code of Applicant Behaviour (COAB).
17. The Number of international students seeing a Discipline Officer has increased exponentially since 2012/13; and, in 2016 accounted for 43% of all students seeing a Discipline Officer⁵.
18. International students are disproportionately affected by food scarcity and represent 40.9 percent of total users to the Campus Food Bank⁶.
19. International Students are greatly affected by the University of Alberta English language requirements.
20. Work Permits vs Study Permits
21. Work hours

2 Resolutions

1. The Students' Union shall support accessible post- secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta.
2. The Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta increasing International Differential Fees.
3. The Students' Union shall not support any increases in English language requirements without consulting International student organizations first.
4. The Students' Union shall advocate that the regulation be developed to ensure predictable costs for international students, including;
 - a. The University of AlbertaUniversity of Alberta grandfathering tuition fees for returning international students.
 - b. The Government of Alberta regulating the mechanism to increase the costs of international student tuition and fees.
5. The Students' Union shall provide opportunities for undergraduate international students to learn about their university tuition.
6. The Students' Union shall advocate that the University of Alberta provide clear and transparent transfer credit processes at the faculty, Campus Alberta, national, and international levels.
7. The Students' Union shall advocate the University of Alberta to improve access to merit-based and need-based aid for international students. Aid should include, but not excluded to, such funding as scholarships, bursaries, and awards.
8. The Students' Union shall advocate to the Federal Government that it raise the cap on student aide available for international students.
9. The Students' Union shall advocate the University of Alberta to restructure renewable scholarships to provide more predictability.