



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2013 - 2014 #9

Date: Tuesday August 20, 2013

Time: 7:10 PM

In Attendance:

Kareema Batal (Chair)

William Lau

Dustin Chelen

Adam Woods

Colin Champagne

Natalia Binczyk

Excused Absence:

Dylan Hanwell

Kelsey Mills

Braiden Redman

Others in Attendance:

Jessica Nguyen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by *BATAL* at 6:10 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BATAL amended next meeting date in item 10 to be September 3, 2013.

BATAL moved that the *August 20, 2013* agenda be approved as *amended*.
The motion was seconded by *BINCZYK*.

Vote on Motion
6 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

CHELEN moved that *item 7a* be special ordered to take place immediately after
Chair's Announcements.

The motion was seconded by *WOODS*

Vote on Motion

6 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BINCZYK amended minutes to include *the letter “r” in “stuck” in Chelen’s motion in item 2.*

CHELEN amended minutes to remove *“The RO changes the status of executives to full time working individuals” from his second statement in item 8.b.*

WOODS moved that the *August 6, 2013* minutes be approved as *amended*.
The motion was seconded by *CHELEN*.

Vote on Motion

6 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

4. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BATAL: I book rooms with Nicole two days in advance of our meetings. This time, there were no rooms available. So we don’t run into a situation like this in the future, our meetings have been scheduled for off council Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in SUB LLMR for the entirety of the fall semester starting **September 3rd, 2013**. I forgot - when I asked Nicole to do this- that we had not yet agreed on a fall schedule, which we will do today. Hopefully everyone is ok with off council Tuesdays.

BATAL: I will be asking at Council whether we have any word about minute takers for the school year.

8. SPECIAL ORDER: STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE POLICY

BATAL: The two principles that were approved in Council have been added to the list of principles for this policy.

BATAL: No changes have been made to the latest version of the policy that we saw last meeting.

CHELEN moved that *the Policy Committee recommend the Students in Governance policy to Students’ Council in second reading, based on the following attachment.*

The motion was seconded by *WOODS*

Vote on Motion

6 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Health and Wellness Policy

BINCZYK: When looking at the portion talking about self-help, *LAU* and I agreed on a change. It should read: *“BIFRT The SU will advocate for self health during introductory courses”*. That way there is no need to create a new course.

BATAL: Do you have examples of relevant courses in which this could be

introduced? Students are paying money to be taught for future careers. And how would you get pros to do this?

LAU: This would be a good way of bridging the mission and values of the SU with the University. There are so many ways you can incorporate talking about self health with students.

WOODS: I wouldn't be in favor of this. I wouldn't be happy if a professor spent five minutes of class talking about health.

LAU: But a number of students feel that the University doesn't care about their health.

BATAL: But this is a very large vision; it would be very difficult to implement.

LAU: But we could make this an elective, not a requirement to graduate. You could tie services into Academics.

BINCZYK: Building it into optional courses makes me quite hesitant. However, another idea could be a team responsible for self health and they could present in the classes that are related to self health.

WOODS: I think this is an excellent idea.

LAU: There's no reason we should put out a street team when it's being done by other services. But rather than incorporating the idea into a curriculum, we should incorporate it into the classroom setting. We could work with AICT to change the messaging on desktop backgrounds.

BINCZYK: I like advocating for the incorporation into the classroom setting.

BATAL: Having worked in healthcare, I can tell you that messaging isn't always the best way to bring up the topic. I don't want this to be redundant and repetitive.

BATAL: So action items for next meeting is that we need to create principles for this policy, otherwise we cannot bring it to council.

WOODS: We cannot present and vote on the same thing during the same meeting. So we cannot move to recommend this to council today even if we did have principles.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VPA – attached to agenda

VPSL – sent via email and on Facebook

Oral Report:

LAU: I want to get your feedback on the video. It took a lot less time to create and it felt good making it.

VPX – hard copies distributed at the meeting.

Oral Report:

WOODS: I have been meeting with MLAs and MPs and the conversations are very productive.

WOODS: Great news. We will be having an early polling station here at the U of A for municipal elections. I was able to work out an arrangement where we can hire students for \$120 that day plus \$15/hour training. I have all the paperwork in my office if you are interested. You don't even have to go down to City Hall. You do, however, have to be neutral and they will not hire someone who has any public affiliation with any of the candidates (like going door-to-door, visible involvement with campaigns, etc).

7. QUESTION PERIOD

BINCZYK to *BATAL*: When do you plan to speak to Craig about the policy principles and when and how do you plan on finding the old Health and Wellness policy principles?

BATAL: I will be sending an email to Craig and Nicole to ask about the principles. I will also go back to the archives if they are online and dig to see if I can find them.

BATAL: When will the Execs be comfortable moving forward with the Internationalization policy?

WOODS: We should have first principles by the next meeting.

BATAL: I will put it on the agenda.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Item 8a. (Students in Governance Policy) has been special ordered and addressed above.

Item 7b. (Health and Wellness Policy) cannot be addressed because principles are not complete and Robert's Rules dictate that we cannot present and vote on an item in the same meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy Committee Meeting Schedule: Fall

Off council Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in SUB LLMR (unless changed or otherwise specified).

b. New Policy Review

The Committee decided to work on Internationalization, Student Loans, and Scholarships and Bursaries going forward.

c. Appeals Process Policy

The Committee agreed to message Councilor *MOHAMED* to see if he would like to move forward with the Appeals Policy or whether he would like the committee to move forward with it.

The Committee decided to provide opportunity for all committee members to attend the Presidents' Address on September 3, 2013 and thus cancel the Policy Committee meeting that evening. The next policy meeting will take place on **September 17th at 6 pm.**

10. DISCUSSION

N/A

11. NEXT MEETING

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12. ADJOURNMENT

BINCZYK moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded by *BATAL*.

Vote on Motion

6 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 *PM*.



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday August 20, 2013

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Motions

1.	<i>BATAL/BINCZYK</i> moved that <i>the agenda for August 20, 2013 be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
2.	<i>WOODS/CHELEN</i> moved that the August 6, 2013 meeting minutes be approved as amended.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
3.	<i>CHELEN/WOODS</i> moved that item 7a be special ordered to take place immediately after Chair's Announcements.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
4.	<i>BATAL/LAU</i> moved that the next scheduled Policy Committee meeting on September 3, 2013 be canceled.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
5.	<i>CHELEN/WOODS</i> moved that the Policy Committee recommend the Students in Governance Policy to students' council in second reading.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
6.	<i>BINCZYK/BATAL</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0

STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE POLICY

Whereas undergraduate students know their needs best, and

Whereas some University and Faculty policies already give undergraduate students and student groups representative capacity on certain committees and boards, and

Whereas there are over 600 representative positions filled by undergraduates at the University of Alberta, and

Whereas undergraduate student associations are autonomous organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent, and

Whereas faculty and department support is appreciated by the SU and student organizations, and

Whereas student representatives activities supplement the educational experiences of students, and

Whereas undergraduate students are required to balance their academic, personal, and professional lives with their representative activities, and

Whereas the undergraduate population at the University of Alberta is diverse in its makeup.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Students' Union shall advocate that the University act fairly and equitably toward undergraduate student representatives and student group representatives, as they would any other faculty and administrator member of the University community, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall advocate for increased training and support for undergraduate student representatives, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall advocate for appropriate and fair academic accommodations for student representatives, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall advocate against the elimination of undergraduate student representative positions at any level from policy or practice, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union inform the University about its obligation to consult student representatives on academic, administrative, and operational issues, and

Be It Resolved That the SU shall advocate for these organizations to remain autonomous organizations, free to advocate for the students they represent without the influence from department or faculty, and

Be It Resolved That the SU encourage faculties and departments to support their student organizations, but inform them that student organizations need to be driven by the students, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall actively communicate to the University the value of student representatives, and student representative groups, and

Be It Further Resolved That the Students' Union shall act to reduce barriers to student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.