

# POLICY COMMITTEE

## Sunday June 14, 2015 4.00pm SUB 0-48

## **AGENDA (PC 2015-02)**

**2015-02/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2015-02/1a Call to Order

2015-02/1b Approval of Agenda

2015-02/1c Approval of Minutes

2015-02/1d Chair's Business

Meeting Schedule.

Structure of Agenda in regards to Standing Orders.

#### 2015-02/2 <u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>

#### 2015-02/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2015-02/3a** COUNCILLOR BURTON MOVES THAT the Policy Committee approve of the publishing of Students' Union political policies in a Wiki format.

- 1. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Academic\_Materials">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Academic\_Materials</a>
- 2. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Campus\_Saint-Jean\_Linguistic A ccessibility">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Campus\_Saint-Jean\_Linguistic A ccessibility</a>
- 3. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Engagement
- 4. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Health\_And\_Wellness">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Health\_And\_Wellness</a>
- 5. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Public\_Transit">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Public\_Transit</a>
- 6. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political Policy:Scholarships And Bursaries
- 7. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Student\_Work\_Programs">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Student\_Work\_Programs</a>
- 8. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Affordable\_Housing">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Affordable\_Housing</a>
- 9. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Capital\_Projects">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Capital\_Projects</a>
- 10. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Experiential\_Learning
- ${\bf 11.} \ \ \underline{http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\ Policy:Internationalization}$
- 12. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Quality\_Instruction">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Quality\_Instruction</a>
- 13. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Student\_Financial\_Assistance
- $14. \ \ \, \underline{\text{http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Students\_In\_Governance}} \\$
- 15. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Assessment\_And\_Grading">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Assessment\_And\_Grading</a>

- 16. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Deferred\_Maintenance">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Deferred\_Maintenance</a>
- 17. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Food
- 18. <a href="http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Mandatory\_Non-Instructional\_F">http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Mandatory\_Non-Instructional\_F</a> ees
- 19. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Residence
- 20. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political\_Policy:Student\_Space
- 21. http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Political Policy:Tuition
- **2015-02/3b** VICE PRESIDENT FAHIM MOTIONS TO approve the following first principles for the experiential learning policy.

Please see PC 15-02.01

- 2015-02/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>
- **2015-02/5 ADJOURNMENT**
- **2015-02/5a Next Meeting:** To be confirmed.

## PC 15-02.01

#### **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING POLICY: First Principles**

- Experiential learning helps students better learn, apply and understand content within their studies;
- Vital skills to programs and employment are developed outside of the classroom, and can be provided by experiential learning;
- Experiential learning helps develop students who are well-suited for a competitive work environment:
- There are a broad variety of programs and opportunities that entail experiential learning;
- Experiential learning opportunities are well received by students on campus; and
- There are significant barriers towards participating in experiential learning for undergraduates, particularly for international students.

### VI. (Current) EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING POLICY

WHEREAS experiential learning opportunities include, but are not limited to, internships, practica, co-ops, placements, work experience, undergraduate research, work abroad, community service learning courses, and field experience;

WHEREAS new learning experiences allow students to apply and improve their understanding of content learned in class;

WHEREAS experiential learning opportunities allow students to build practical skills and applied knowledge that will benefit them upon graduation;

WHEREAS a number of barriers exist to participating in experiential learning opportunities, such as lack of funding, lack of information, academic program restrictions, and external policy barriers. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for increased up-front funding for students participating in local or international work programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union ensures that funding experiential learning opportunities remains a priority of the Office of Advancement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for a centralized office which will provide greater coordination and communication of experiential learning opportunities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for specialized support for non-traditional students so that they have equal opportunity to participate in experiential learning opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate for flexible program requirements that allow students to participate in experiential learning opportunities.



# POLICY COMMITTEE

## Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Time 1:00pm SUB 0-48

## **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Councillor Flaman		Y/N
Councillor Angus		Υ
Councillor Burton		Υ
Councillor DeJong		Υ
Councillor Lewis		Υ
Councillor Schlamp		Υ
Councillor Wang		Υ
Vice President Dylan Hanwell		Υ
Vice President Fahim Rahman		Υ
Vice President Vivian Kwan		Υ

## **AGENDA/MINUTES (ACRONYM 2015-01)**

**2015-01/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2015-01/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:02AM.

## 2015-01/1b Approval of Agenda

HANWELL/FAHIM move to approve the agenda.

10/0/0 CARRIED.

## 2015-01/1c Approval of Minutes

HANWELL/FAHIM move to approve the minutes.

10/0/0 CARRIED.

## 2015-01/1d Chair's Business

Selection of day and time to hold meetings to be decided through Doodle.

## 2015-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

## **2015-01/2a** Committee members' policy interests

Councillor DeJong to focus on quality of instruction policy as it is up for review.

Councillor Schlamp to focus on policies concerning gender-neutral washrooms, international policies and safe-spaces.

Vice President Hanwell to consider quality experience and prioritizing student experience, and to promote discussion on quality experience later in the year.

Vice President Kwan to continue focusing on the ongoing residence policy project, as well as to introduce minor improvements to student procedure and policies

Councillor Lewis is open on new policies and open to collaborate

and support other projects.

Vice President Rahman to focus on engagement policies, student governance and restructuring, as well as quality of instruction and experience for students.

Councillor Wang to provide support for various projects.

Councillor Angus to focus on scholarship and bursaries.

Chair to focus on tuition as his main project.

2015-01/2b

Impact of new government on political policies

To delay review of political policies until new education minister is put in place, but keeping in mind that current policies prioritize students' and not the incumbent government's interests, hence policies may change minimally.

## 2015-01/3 <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>

**2015-01/3a** Policy Committee priorities for the year.

Experiential learning policy to be put forward as first principles by next week.

Quality assurance policies to be sent to Policy Committee by December to January, as more internal research is required.

**2015-01/3b** Expiring policies in 2015-2016.

## 2015-01/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2015-01/4a Students' Union Political Policies

**2015-01/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

**2015-01/5a Next Meeting:** Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4pm SUB 0-48

**2015-01/5b** HANWELL/WANG move to adjourn.

10/0/0 CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
HANWELL/FAHIM move to approve the agenda	10/0/0 .CARRIED.
HANWELL/FAHIM move to approve the minutes.	10/0/0 .CARRIED.
HANWELL/WANG move to adjourn.	10/0/0 .CARRIED.