

Thursday, October 8, 2015

4.00pm

SUB 6-06

AGENDA (PC 2015-07)

2015-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-07/1a Call to Order

2015-07/1b Approval of Agenda

2015-07/1c Approval of Minutes

2015-07/1d Chair's Business

2015-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2015-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2015-07/3a BONDARCHUK MOVES TO bring a Political Policy on Safe Spaces before Students' Council in first reading with the recommendation of Policy Committee, based on the following first principles:

1. Students are required to physically attend school to do well in their courses.
2. Students who are late for a lecture, lab, or seminar miss potentially testable information for their courses.
3. There are no clear and consolidated regulations for the content of public advertising at the University of Alberta.
4. All students enjoy a constitutionally protected right to freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression under section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
5. Freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression does not extend to hateful, harmful, and/or oppressive speech, as defined by a reasonable person¹.
6. Students may feel triggered or unsafe when exposed to harmful and/or traumatizing material without their consent.
7. Students should have the capacity to actively consent to being confronted with potentially harmful material, or to seek out that material without pressure from others.
8. Students deserve to feel safe and welcome on campus.

¹ A reasonable person shall be defined as a composite of a relevant community's judgment as to how a typical member of said community should behave in situations that might pose a threat of harm (through action or inaction) to the public (Wikipedia and R v Camplin, A.C. 705 [1978]).

2015-07/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2015-07/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2015-07/5a **Next Meeting:** To be decided.

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Thursday September 10, 2015

4:15 pm

SUB 0-48

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Jared Burton (Chair)		Y
Jason Wang		N
Victoria Dejong		N
Vivian Kwan		Y
Hannah Schlamp		N
Dylan Hanwell		Y
Fahim Rahman		Y
Ben Angus	Cody Bondarchuk	Y
Levi Flaman		Y

MINUTES (PC 2015-06)

2015-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2015-06/1a **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 16:15.

2015-06/1b **Approval of Agenda**

RAHMAN/KWAN move to approve the agenda.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/1c Approval of Minutes

RAHMAN/FLAMAN move to approve the minutes.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/1d Chair's Business

The committee discussed the proposed standing orders.

FLAMAN proposed the following changes to the standing orders:

1. strike point 3.4
2. amend section 6's heading to "Proxies/Guests" instead of "Proxies/Geusts"
3. replace "his/her" with "their" in point 12.1 (a)
4. amend section 15's heading to "Confidentiality" instead of "Confidentiallity"

The committee discussed the changes to point 3.4. BONDARCHUK suggested leaving the point as it is and present it to DIE Board for clarification.

FLAMAN/BONDARCHUK move to amend the standing orders as proposed.

5/0/0
CARRIED

FLAMAN/RAHMAN move to adopt the new standing orders.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2015-06/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2015-06/3a BONDARCHUK introduced the second reading of the Gender Policy to the committee. The resolutions are the action items. He would like the committee's input on the edits and facts of the resolutions.

The committee discussed changes to the resolutions.

BONDARCHUK amended the resolutions with the following changes:

1. amend "BearTracks" to "Bear Tracks" in point 3 and 4
2. merge point 6 and 7, so it reads "The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta include single-unit all gender washrooms in every new building constructed on campus, and work to implement all gender washrooms in existing University buildings wherever practical."
3. change point 8 to point 7, point 9 to point 8, and point 10 to point 9
4. split the new point 9, so it reads "The Students' Union will advocate that fraternities, women's fraternities, and sororities at the University of Alberta create clear and inclusive chapter policies on the admittance of transgender students identifying with the gender requirements of the organizations into their organizations."
5. the new point 10 reads "The Students' Union will advocate that fraternities, women's fraternities, and sororities at the University of Alberta create clear and inclusive chapter policies on the admittance of gender non-binary students."

6. amend point 15 to read “The Students’ Union will advocate the University of Alberta allows students to choose between gender-segregated housing or Gender Inclusive Housing in their residence application and to abide by the students’ preferences within reasons

7. strike “to the Minister of Infrastructure” in point 16 and point 17

8. strike “to the Minister of Responsible for the Status of Women and the Minister of Service Alberta” in point 18 and point 19

9. move point 18 ahead of point 16, and change the number of subsequent points accordingly

BURTON/BONDARCHUK move to bring the Gender Policy before Students’ Council in second reading with the recommendation of Policy Committee, based on the following first principles:

1. Students deserve equitable treatment regardless of their gender identity and/or biological sex.

2. Not all students identify their gender to be within the male-female binary.

3. It is not always necessary for administrations to require students to disclose their gender and/or biological sex outside of medical reasons.

4. Students who do not identify within the male-female gender binary are denied access to gendered spaces on campus.

5. Transgender students may feel misgendered or unsafe in gendered spaces on campus.

6. Gender non-binary students are excluded from important University documents such as the Code of Student Behaviour when students are referred to as “he or she.”

7. Existing alternatives to gendered spaces on campus do not have appropriate signage to address their inclusivity.

8. Students face barriers to obtaining non-binary living conditions in housing and residence.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2015-06/5 **CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

2015-06/5a **Next Meeting:** September 24th at 4:00pm in SUB 0-48

2015-06/6 **ADJOURNMENT**

2015-06/6a FLAMAN/KWAN move to adjourn.

6/0/0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 17:05.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
RAHMAN/KWAN move to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
RAHMAN/FLAMAN move to approve the minutes.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/BONDARCHUK move to amend the standing orders as proposed.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/RAHMAN move to adopt the new standing orders.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/KWAN move to adjourn.	6/0/0 - CARRIED