



University of Alberta Students' Union

# **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

**4.00pm**

**SUB 0-48**

## **AGENDA (PC 2015-08)**

**2015-08/1     INTRODUCTION**

**2015-08/1a    Call to Order**

**2015-08/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**2015-08/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2015-08/1d    Chair's Business**

New meeting schedule

**2015-08/2     QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2015-08/2a    Committee priorities for remainder of year**

Please see PC 15-08.01

Please see PC 15-08.02

**2015-08/3     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-08/3a    BURTON MOVES TO set the Policy Committee meeting schedule at a monthly basis that meets on the last Friday of every month at 4:00PM.**

**2015-08/4     INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-08/5     ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-08/5a    Next Meeting: Friday, November 27, 2015 @ 4.00pm in SUB 6-06.**

**PC 15-08.01**

Policies that will expire during 2015-2016 Council term:

[Capital Projects](#) (April 30, 2016)

[Engagement](#) (April 30, 2016)

[Experiential Learning](#) (April 30, 2016)

[Quality Instruction](#) (April 30, 2016)

[Student Work Programs](#) (April 30, 2016)

[Students in Governance](#) (April 30, 2016)

**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		Y
Councillor Burton		Y
Councillor DeJong		Y
Councillor Lewis		Y
Councillor Schlamp		Y
Councillor Wang		Y
Vice President Dylan Hanwell		Y
Vice President Fahim Rahman		Y
Vice President Vivian Kwan		Y

**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.

Impact of new government on political policies

**2015-01/2b**

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**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**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**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**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**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
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.

**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday October 8, 2015**

**4:00 pm**

**SUB 6-06**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES (PC 2015-07)**

**2015-07/1            INTRODUCTION**

**2015-07/1a        **Call to Order****

Meeting called to order at 16:02.

**2015-07/1b        **Approval of Agenda****

WANG J./ANGUS move to approve the agenda.

6/0/0  
CARRIED

**2015-07/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

RAHMAN/BONDARCHUK move to approve the minutes.

7/0/0

CARRIED

**2015-07/1d**

**Chair's Business**

BURTON reported on the doodle poll that he will find a time when people are free to attend the meetings.

**2015-07/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2015-07/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-07/3a**

BONDARCHUK presented the first principles of Safe Spaces policy to the committee and asked the committee for recommendations. The idea of this policy to balance freedom of express and safety of students on campus. Since there is legislation for freedom of expression, he feels there is a need of a policy to protect students' from harmful materials. And he thinks this policy is gentle.

HANWELL asked for the clarity of the idea of consent in point 6 and 7. He thinks that active consent is not possible. BONDARCHUK thinks that since one cannot obtain consent from every student, potential harmful material cannot appear on QUAD. FLAMAN thinks that if students do not avoid harmful materials, they are giving their consent. HANWELL concerns how to balance two sides of a debate without taking away the ability of one side to protect themselves from harmful materials.

On point 3, RAHMAN thinks that the SU should not police on the content of public advertising on campus as the SU and university administration are not qualified to do that. But he agrees to the principles. BONDARCHUK clarified that the principles do not call out a specific person to do this job but there should be a guide line for students.

ANGUS asked about "reasonable person." BONDARCHUK explained it means an average person in university community. ANGUS concerns that it is hard to regulate what reasonable person think as acceptable.



WANG J. pointed out that the wording of point 7 implies that there will always be harmful materials on campus and the SU is allowing that. He thinks that they should address the materials themselves.

HANWELL thinks that potential harmful materials should be confined in a separate space, such as a lecture hall. But it is still a public space and students have a right to enter it anytime. BONDARCHUK thinks that the policy should not deal with privacy. It is about the consent of students. And it is something not regulated.

ANGUS thinks that it is tricky to regulate as there is a potential that the bias of the majority will determine what is reasonable and he also worries that the policy cannot protect the rights and freedom of those who fall into the category of minority. BURTON also concerns how to protect people who voice their opinion according to regulations. BONDARCHUK does not want the policy to push too hard and regulation is also a big issue to deal with.

On point 3, HANWELL asked for clarity whether it also includes academic programming. BONDARCHUK it has the potential as he wants instructors to be mindful for the content of their course. But HANWELL thinks that it is weak to enforce. And he thinks it is better to make it general for public advertising. BURTON questioned the need of regulation as instructors always gives heads up for harmful materials. ANGUS thinks that students should have a certain degree of open-mindedness in class.

On point 7, RAHMAN concerns that the definition of “potentially harmful material” is very broad and it would be hard to enforce when put in the second principles.

On point 5, HANWELL thinks that the word “speech” is not appropriate a better candidate is “expression.” He also concerns with the word “harmful” as it is subjective, and he thinks that “hateful” is a better choice. BURTON agrees.

BONDARCHUK wants to amend the Students’ Space policy to Public Space and blending the policy with some of the elements in this policy. This way it is dealing more with the space instead of opinion.

HANWELL suggested that medium is worth discussing. He gave an example that some medium is not hateful but triggering. ANGUS wondered how much should one compromise.

BONDARCHUK's another reason for public space policy is that QUAD is a special area that needs to be addressed.

RAHMAN agrees with point 8 but he thinks it is impossible to carry out. BONDARCHUK argued that it is not a resolution but it is a principle that strengthens other points in resolution.

BURTON commented that point 2 and 4 are straightforward. BONDARCHUK thinks that point 1 and 2 can be combined. BURTON agreed to blend these principles into Public Space policy.

BONDARCHUK withdrew his motion.

**2015-07/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-07/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-07/5a**

**Next Meeting:** To be decided.

WANG J./RAHMAN move to adjourn.

6/0/0  
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 16:58.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>WANG J./ANGUS move to approve the agenda.</b>	6/0/0 - CARRIED
<b>RAHMAN/BONDARCHUK move to approve the minutes.</b>	7/0/0 - CARRIED
<b>WANG J./RAHMAN move to adjourn.</b>	6/0/0 - CARRIED