



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 29, 2015**

**4.00pm**

**SUB 6-06**

## **AGENDA (PC 2015-10)**

**2015-10/1     INTRODUCTION**

**2015-10/1a    Call to Order**

**2015-10/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**2015-10/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2015-10/1d    Chair's Business**

**2015-10/2     QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2015-10/3     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-10/3a    RAHMAN MOVES to approve the following second readings of a Students in Governance Policy.**

Please see PC 15-10.01

**2015-10/4     INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-10/5     ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-10/5a    Next Meeting: Friday, February 26, 2015 @ 3.00pm in SUB 0-55.**

## PC 15-10.01

### Proposed Second Reading - Students in Governance Policy

1. 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 staff member of the University community.
2. That the Students' Union shall advocate for increased training and support for undergraduate student representatives.
3. That the Students' Union shall advocate for appropriate and fair academic accommodations for student representatives.
4. That the Students' Union shall advocate against the elimination of undergraduate student representative positions at any level unless doing so has direct benefits to students.
5. That the Students' Union inform the University about its obligation to consult student representatives on any issue academic, administrative, operational or otherwise that impacts students.
6. That the Students' Union encourage faculties and departments to support their student organizations, but inform them that student organizations need to be autonomous and driven by students.
7. That the Students' Union shall actively communicate to the University the value of student representatives, and student representative groups in collegial governance and effective decision making for our campus community.
8. That the Students' Union shall act to reduce barriers to student participation in University governance, especially for underrepresented groups.
9. That the Students' Union take steps to ensure that University committees provide value for student representatives and best utilize their role as a voice for students.
10. That the Students' Union celebrate the hard work done by undergraduate student representatives across our campuses.

### Approved First Principles

1. Undergraduate students know their needs best.
2. The undergraduate population at the University of Alberta is diverse in its background and composition.
3. Some University and Faculty policies already give undergraduate students and student groups representative capacity on certain committees and boards.
4. There are over 600 representative positions filled by undergraduates at the University of Alberta.
5. Undergraduate student associations are autonomous organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent.
6. Faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations.
7. Student representatives' activities supplement the educational experiences of students.
8. Undergraduate students are required to balance their academic, personal, and professional lives with their representative activities.

9. Decisions taken with the best interests of the institution in mind must also note the interests of its largest body, undergraduate students.
10. Undergraduate feedback is required and essential to inform University policies of their impact towards students on campus.

**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**Friday November 27, 2015**

**4:00 pm**

**SUB 6-06**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES (PC 2015-09)**

**2015-09/1            INTRODUCTION**

**2015-09/1a           **Call to Order****

Meeting called to order at 16:15.

**2015-09/1b           **Approval of Agenda****

BURTON/SCHLAMP move to approve the agenda.

**5/0/0  
CARRIED**

**2015-09/1c      Approval of Minutes**

SCHLAMP/RAHMAN move to approve the minutes.

**4/0/1  
CARRIED**

**2015-09/1d      Chair's Business**

**2015-09/2      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2015-09/3      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-09/3a**      RAHMAN/DEJONG move to approve the second reading of the quality instruction policy as attached.

After reading the attached policy and listening to RAHMAN's introduction, the committee thinks the policy is good and agreed to approve it.

**5/0/0  
CARRIED**

**2015-09/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-09/5      ADJOURNMENT**

**2015-09/5a**      **Next Meeting:** Friday, January 29, 2016 @ 4.00pm in SUB 6-06.

A new schedule will be set up for the new semester and the committee decided not to have meeting at the end of December.

KWAN/SCHLAMP move to adjourn.

**5/0/0  
CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 16:21.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
BURTON/SCHLAMP move to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
SCHLAMP/RAHMAN move to approve the minutes.	4/0/1 - CARRIED
RAHMAN/DEJONG move to approve the second reading of the quality instruction policy as attached.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
KWAN/SCHLAMP move to adjourn.	5/0/0 - CARRIED