



University of Alberta Students' Union

POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, March 10, 2017

11:00 AM

SUB 0-55

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Dene, Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

AGENDA (PC 2016-10)

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| 2016-10/1 | <u>INTRODUCTION</u> |
| 2016-10/1a | Call to Order |
| 2016-10/1b | Approval of Agenda |
| 2016-10/1c | Approval of Minutes |
| 2016-10 | Approval of 2016-08 Policy Committee minutes.

Please see PC 16-10.01 |
| 2016-10/1d | Chair's Business |
| 2016-10/2 | <u>QUESTION PERIOD/ DISCUSSION</u> |
| 2016-10/3 | <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u> |
| 2016-10/3a | DEJONG moves to approve Policy Committee Standing Orders as amended.

Please see PC 16-10.02 |
| 2016-10/3b | Public Transit Policy renewal

Please see PC 16-10.03

Please see PC 16-10.04 |
| 2016-10/3c | MNIF Policy 2nd Principles |

2016-10/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2016-10/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2016-10/5a **Next Meeting: March 21, 2017 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06**



POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 31, 2017

5:00 am

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Victoria DeJong (Chair)		Y
Reed Larsen		Y
Delane Howie		Y
Kyle Monda		Y
Alexander Brophy		Y
Fredrique Ndatirwa		N
Marina Banister		Y
Mike Sandare		Y
Francesca El Ghossein		Y

MINUTES (PC 2016-08)

2016-08/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-08/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

2016-08/1b Approval of Agenda

GHOSSEIN/BANISTER moved to approve the agenda

5/0/0

CARRIED

2016-08/1c

Approval of Minutes

LARSEN/MONDA moved to approve the minutes
5/0/0
CARRIED

2016-08/1d

Chair's Business

2016-08/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-08/2a

MNIF Policy changes

DEJONG

MNIF Policy changes document is in Google Drive.

MONDA

I have a question and some comments under facts specified in point 10. Also, concerning academic price index (API), is change new as the university started it this year?

GHOSSEIN

It started last year.

MONDA

It is still new and could this be questionable?

Also, since this is an index that the university has made, should it still be called the academic price index?

GHOSSEIN

We have to say if it is not contradictory to any political policy. Also, since we haven't mentioned it in any other policy like inflation, they should mention consistency as a value.

BROPHY

Add that they should make a resolution that the university is using API and not CPI.

LARSEN

Said that he understands it but he doesn't know where it is coming from.

GHOSSEIN

Mentioned that it is the board that approves it.

LARSEN

Questioned, where is API?

GHOSSEIN

Acknowledged that it is a good question, and said that they are presented it to the board and the board presented it but nothing is documented and so you can't find anything.

LARSEN

Are we are to make sure where all the information is coming from?

GHOSSEIN

The present provost and VP Finance are responsible.

LARSEN

To have a citation, they need a source on where the information is coming from.

MONDA

Clarified about the API and mentioned that he sees that the university has useful measures. CPI is a reasonably easy to understand in the university context; a breakdown how API cost are calculated and explained to students and collective arguments should be in a form that are understandable by students;

GHOSSEIN

Questioned how would he frame that in terms of transparency, as transparency is a value that is needed.

MONDA

Said that in addition to transparency, they will have consistency.

LARSEN

Said that he wants to differentiate this point in general, and questioned if they are going to differentiate API as a standard for inflation?
Said that he is on the CPI side but wants to know where API is coming from.

BROPHY

Questioned, why it should be a separate policy? Said that he is okay with rolling it into the MNIF policy.

(Delaine Howie joins the meeting)

DEJONG

Said that they will bring it to council. Points 1 and 3 are being added, is everyone comfortable with adding those?

MONDA

Said that he can compare and contrast all the policies but is not sure where to find information about the same, and still doesn't see where the last meeting's outcome are addressed;

DEJONG

Asked if others also share that concern.

(All agree)

LARSEN

There are notable differences between SU fees and your standard MNIF. These aren't just opinion, they can be cited in policy, such as our internal policy or the University's definition of MNIF's. Point 7 & 9 are examples of such.

MONDA

Mentioned that his question is would that be a better resolution, and that he thinks that point 7 makes sense but the difference between them in legislation should be there.

GHOSSEIN

Asked if point 7 would be enough with added words?

DEJONG

Agreed

BANISTER

Mentioned that they can get sources for these points.

MONDA

Mentioned that he thinks that Policy Committee is overstaying in this policy, while there are other things one needs to do before the year ends.

BANISTER

Said that they do not need to define every single statement.

BROPHY

A few citations are a good thing but it is not a good idea to be excessively obsessed.

DEJONG

Asked if all approved of point 3.

All committee members approved.

DEJONG

Said that in point 5, they are adding university or student associations which includes SU, university and any other university associations.

All agreed.

MONDA

It is important to mention the university has control over their own fees.

GHOSSEIN

How about saying that the university and SU have a their own process for changing the fees and not jointly. Can combine points 7 and 9 in the manner.

BANISTER

Said that she prefers to put the word "different."

Said that she thinks that it is more of a risk and that there is no harm by removing it.

DEJONG

Asked if all committee members approved of point 8.

MONDA

Indicated that commas are not needed.

(All agreed)

(Mike Sandare comes)

DEJONG

Said that they went over the first principles and asked how committee members felt about bringing the policy to council.

All members agreed in bringing the policy to council.

DEJONG

After we know the Students' Council's decision, we will look into it at our next Policy committee meeting.

SANDARE

Asked the meaning of "different process fess."

DEJONG

Explained that they are different by means of citations and can highlight the process or the fees.

SANDARE

Asked the difference between mandatory and instructional fees are same -how are they different;

LARSEN

Clarified that they are trying to explain that;

GHOSSEIN

Said that it is not the type but the process;

DEJONG

Asked what about point 7, which is the process to change the fee and if it is different for the university and SU;

LARSEN

Agreed;

(All agreed)

DEJONG

Asked if any committee members would like to edit point 7.

Members had no changes they'd like to make.

DEJONG

Asked for if anyone had any other comments on any of the sections?

MONDA

Discussed about current and old MNIF policies and said how it is hard to get feedback on them. It would be a good idea if somebody could further look into getting feedback on the MNIF policies.

(Brandon Christensen come in,)

MOTION

SANDARE/BANISTER move to bring the **MNIF Policy changes**, as amended (as mentioned below), to council

1. The University of Alberta is a publicly-funded public institution and therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources.
2. Services provided by the University of Alberta can foster a positive student experience.
3. Services provided by the University of Alberta Students' Union are essential components of the student experience.
4. Undergraduate students are willing to pay a reasonable fee for services that benefit them and are of good value for their money.
5. Mandatory non-instructional fees remain unregulated by the Government of Alberta and can therefore change at the discretion of the University and the Students' Union.
6. Mandatory non-instructional fees are in addition to the tuition fee, which is the mandatory payment for instruction.
7. The process used to add or change mandatory non-instructional fees differs between the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union.
(Citation)
8. The University of Alberta Students' Union has committed to transparency and accountability on how mandatory non-instructional fees are spent.
9. The cost of a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, educational materials, and living expenses.
10. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to postsecondary education for many students.

8/0/0
CARRIED

DEJONG moves to renew the Student Space Political Policy as is.

2016-08/2b

HOWIE

Said that the more she reads it the more she does not understand it, and she will contact all of the committee members for help.

DEJONG

The policy is expiring in 2017, and it is a short policy. Asked if all of the members had a chance to look at the policy. Last year Jared renewed it,

and asked if there is there any discussion on this policy.

LARSEN

Asked if they want to say that space must be more available like gender specific, etc.

DEJONG

Said that if there is no debate, she will recommend the policy to Council for renewal.

DEJONG / BROPHY moves to renew the Student Space Political Policy as is.

8/0/0

CARRIED

2016-08/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-08/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-08/5 ADJOURNMENT

LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting

8/0/0

CARRIED

2016-08/5a **Next Meeting: To be decided**

2016-08/5b Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
GHOSSEIN/BANISTER moved to approve the agenda	5/0/0, CARRIED
REED/MONDA moved to approve the minutes	5/0/0, CARRIED
SANDARE/BANISTER move to bring the MNIF Policy changes , as amended (as	8/0/0, CARRIED

mentioned below), to council	
DEJONG/BROPHY moves to renew the Student Space Political Policy as is.	8/0/0, CARRIED
LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting	8/0/0, CARRIED

1 Mandate

1. In accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students' Union, the Policy Committee:
 - a. Shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting both business of entities not based and based at the University of Alberta;
 - b. Shall receive reports from the Students' Union Executive Committee on its advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness; and
 - c. Can make editorial changes to all political policy under its purview.

2 Meetings

1. Quorum of the Policy Committee shall be five voting members.
2. The Policy Committee shall hold a meeting, coordinated through the Speaker of Students' Council, before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to:
 - a. elect a chair from within its voting membership,
 - b. set initial standing orders, and
 - c. set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.
3. The Policy Committee shall establish a meeting schedule on a trimester basis, in advance, with the trimesters being:
 - a. May to August,
 - b. September to December, and
 - c. January to April.
4. Additional meetings of the Policy Committee may be called by either the Chair or five voting members of the Committee, provided that:
 - a. every member of the Committee has received at least seventy-two hours' notice of the meeting, or
 - b. every member of the Committee consents to the meeting taking place.
5. Meetings of the Policy Committee may be cancelled by:
 - a. a simple majority vote of the Committee to amend the meeting schedule, or
 - b. the unanimous consent of all voting members to the cancellation.
6. Meetings of the Policy Committee are open to the public, unless the Committee moves in camera.

3 Membership

1. Membership of this committee is nine.
2. Should a vacancy on the Policy Committee occur, then the Committee shall recommend the nomination of additional member(s) to Students' Council at its next meeting

3. Should the Chair of the Policy Committee leave the voting membership of the Committee, the position of chair shall be considered vacant and a new chair shall be elected from within the voting membership of the Committee at the next meeting.
4. Any voting members of the Executive Committee who are not selected to be voting members of the Policy Committee shall be considered non-voting members of the Committee.

4 Chair's Responsibilities and Duties

1. The Chair of the Policy Committee shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.
2. The Chair of the Policy Committee shall:
 - a. arrange for the booking of a meeting room, when necessary, for meetings of the Committee;
 - b. arrange for the preparation and distribution of the Committee agenda;
 - c. moderate debate at meetings of the Committee;
 - d. respond to the questions of members of the Committee in a timely fashion;
 - e. assign duties to members of the Committee, such duties pertaining to the fulfillment of the mandate of the Committee;
 - f. maintain the Standing Orders of the Committee; and
 - g. submit reports to Students' Council, as required.
3. Should the Chair of the Policy Committee be absent from a meeting of the Committee, the Committee shall then elect an interim chair from within its voting membership, excluding the Executives, as per SO (3(4)), for the duration of the meeting.
4. The Chair of the Policy Committee may be removed from the post of chair by a simple majority vote of the Committee, whereupon a new chair shall be elected from within the voting membership of the Committee.
5. The Chair shall work with the Speaker and Administrative Assistant to ensure the logistical needs of Policy Committee are met.

5 Member Responsibilities and Duties

1. Prior to the end of each trimester, the Policy Committee shall review its attendance records for all voting members of the Committee.
2. The Policy Committee may recommend to Students' Council, by a simple majority vote, the removal of any voting member who is not carrying out ~~his/her~~ **their** duties in contributing to the fulfillment of the mandate of the Committee.
3. Any member of the Executive Committee who is named as a member of the Policy Committee may be reported to Students' Council, by a simple majority vote, if ~~he/she does~~ **they** not fulfill the reporting requirements as outlined in SO (14(1)) of the standing orders of the Committee.
4. Members are required to attend all meetings of the Policy Committee.

5. ~~Any member s~~ Shall be considered present should a proxy be appointed and attends as per Bylaw 100, Section 15-5.

6 Proxies/Guests

1. To appoint a proxy to the Policy Committee, the member thereof must provide a notice to that effect to the Chair of the Committee:
 - a. stating the name and e-mail address of the eligible member of Students' Council who will serve as proxy,
 - b. indicating the duration of the appointment, and
 - c. that is signed by the appointing member of the Committee or e-mailed to the Chair of the Committee no later than two hours prior to the Committee meeting.

7 Legislative Process for Political Policies

1. When Students' Council refers a political policy to the Policy Committee:
 - a. the Chair shall, by the time of the next Committee meeting, assign a member of the Committee ~~who is also a member of the Executive Committee~~ to draft a political policy based on the principles passed in first reading by Students' Council;
 - b. the assigned member ~~of the Executive Committee~~ shall submit the draft political policy to the Committee in a timely fashion; and
 - c. the Committee will not recommend to Students' Council any political policy that is outside the scope of the principles approved in first reading by Students' Council.

8 Administration

1. The Administrative Assistant of the Students' Council will:
 - a. Book meeting rooms for meetings of the Committee.
 - b. Book Minute Takers for each meeting of the Committee.
 - c. Structure Agenda's for each meeting based on the Orders of the Day submitted by members of the Committee and any referrals from Students' Council.
 - d. Notify the Committee of Meetings through the Agenda.
 - e. Distribute the Agenda and Minutes to members of the Committee.
 - f. Ensure paper copies of the Agenda are printed for the Chair to bring to each meeting upon request.

9 Records

1. The Chair of the Policy Committee will record attendance at each meeting of the Committee.
2. The Chair of the Policy Committee shall assign the task of recording the minutes at each meeting to one of the members of the Committee or to the recording secretary.
3. Members of the Policy Committee may amend their comments in the minutes when the minutes are being approved by the Committee.

4. The Chair of the Policy Committee shall, after each meeting of the Committee, submit to Students' Council a report including:
 - a. any decisions made by the Committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council;
 - b. any recommendations made by the Committee to Students' Council;
 - c. any standing orders adopted by the Committee; and
 - d. a summary of all motions passed by the Committee at the meeting in question.

10 Rules of Order

1. The Chair of the Policy Committee will use ~~his/her~~ **their** discretion in administering an informal style of Robert's Rules of Order to conduct the business of the meeting.

11 Orders of the Day

1. Order of Business for the Policy Committee:
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Call to Order
 - ii. Approval of Agenda
 - iii. Approval of Minutes
 - iv. Chair's Business
 - b. Question/Discussion Period
 - c. Committee Business
 - d. Information Items
 - e. Adjournment
 - f. Confirmation of Next Meeting
2. Right of Submission by Committee Members
 - a. Any voting member of the Policy Committee may submit Orders of the Day to be considered by the Committee.
3. Deadline for Submission
 - a. Orders of the Day must be submitted to the Chair of the Policy Committee and the Administrative Assistant to Students' Council 2 business days prior to the Committee meeting.
4. Publishing
 - a. The agenda package for the Policy Committee will be published in the following manner:
 - i. an electronic copy will be e-mailed to the Committee members 2 business days before the meeting; and

- ii. paper copies will be provided at the Committee meeting upon request.

5. Special Orders

- a. The Order of Business notwithstanding, the Chair of the Policy Committee may designate any Order of the Day a Special Order.

12 Presentations

1. Each member of the Executive Committee who is named a member of the Policy Committee shall provide:
 - a. a basic introduction of their goals for the year by June 1, and
 - b. a comprehensive presentation of all goals relevant to the mandate of the Committee by June 30.

13 Executive Committee Reports

1. Each member of the Executive Committee who is named a member of the Policy Committee shall provide a written report at each meeting of the Committee on his/~~her~~ **their** advocacy activities and those of the entire Executive Committee, and may provide an oral supplement to accompany this report.

14 Standing Orders

1. The Standing Orders of the Policy Committee may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Committee, with such changes being reported to Students' Council.
 - a. The Standing Orders of the Policy Committee do not expire, but shall be reintroduced at the Committee's first meeting.

15 Confidentiality

1. All members shall ensure the security and confidentiality of sensitive information that comes into their possession by virtue of their membership on the Policy Committee.

1 Facts

1. public transit is a common mode of transportation used by University of Alberta students that benefits the quality of life of all members in the community.
2. the U-Pass is to be implemented in the academic years consistent with the referendum conditions.
3. the post-secondary bus pass provides a more affordable public transit option for students than a regular adult pass.
4. public transit expansion would allow improved access for University of Alberta students to commute within the service area.
5. Smartcard technology would reduce the possibility for U-pass fraud and reduce the need for a U-Pass replacement fee.
6. University of Alberta students enrolled in spring and summer classes spend a significant amount of time commuting to and from campus.
7. University of Alberta students enrolled in spring and summer classes should be able to obtain a spring and/or summer U-Pass regardless of the student's full-time or part-time enrollment status.
8. Students who are employed with the University are not eligible for employee transit benefits. That leaves student employees who are not enrolled in a class for the spring/summer semester without a more affordable option than the adult bus pass.
9. Students often feel unsafe at transit stations in the University area*

2 Resolutions

1. the Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services carefully monitor service demand arising from U-pass implementation, consider input from stakeholders and commit all resources necessary to maintain reliable, safe and timely service.
2. the Students' Union advocates for a more affordable option than a regular adult pass for part-time spring and summer students.
3. the Students' Union negotiate a new, long- term U-Pass contract to be implemented upon the expiry of the current contract.
4. the Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services expand their current service systems, prioritizing the implementation of Smartcard technology, to better meet the needs of the University of Alberta students.

5. the Students' Union advocate for the integration of Smartcard technology into the One Card system.
6. the Students' Union to advocate and work with the University to ensure that students employed by the university but not currently enrolled in classes to be provided with a more affordable alternative than the adult bus pass.

Citations

*See attachment

PC 16-10.04

Timestamp	Are you a student?	Have you ever felt unsafe while using Edmonton Transit?	Can you please describe a time where you felt unsafe while riding Edmonton Transit?	Do you have any recommendations that may make Edmonton transit safer for students and/or Edmontonians as a whole?	Would you feel comfortable if we used your story in an upcoming transport committee meeting?	Gender	What security measures are you currently aware of that are available when using Edmonton Transit?
5/25/2015 13:44	No	Yes	When seated in the back of the bus, I had a man in the sideways seats leaning into my personal space. He began trying to speak to me despite me having headphones in. I still don't know what he was trying to ask me. He mumbled so I had to politely ask him several times to repeat himself and he got irate, and then picked a fight with another male passenger seated across from him. I had to leave the bus.	Some way to alert the driver to a disturbance, more measures in the back of the bus. I have found it difficult to alert drivers or feel I can get out safely when seated in the back of the bus.	Yes	Female/Other	The emergency bars in the train, not much on the buses except escape hatches etc.
5/19/2015 23:19	No	Yes	I've seen three fights break out on buses over the course of 7 years taking transit regularly as a student. Far more common are concerns from female friends about harassment they have faced that are passed on to me.	Most of the issues I've encountered have been due to patrons that are unstable or inebriated. Short of a chilling and unpleasant constant law enforcement presence, or unfair discrimination of access, there's not much that can be done. Another B.O.B. campaign on harassment of female passengers in particular would be appreciated as it is usually an education issue.	Yes	Male	Drivers have access to police on buses. Trains are monitored by video surveillance.
5/19/2015 22:34	Yes	Yes				Agender	
5/25/2015 14:37	Yes	Yes	When a bus driver told me I looked like Miley Cyrus and asked me to twerk for him.		Yes	Agendered cis female/woman	
5/25/2015 12:47	Yes	Yes					
5/25/2015 17:09	Yes	Yes	A fight broke out on the coleseim LRT platform. More recently I was verbally asulted and harassed by two teenaged girls at the Kingsway transit centre (side note I was 8 months pregnant at the time. I asked them to move away from the bus stop while smoking. They refused, verbally asulted me and proceeded to blow smoke in my face telling me I was a terrible mother. They followed me onto the bus and continued their verbal asult) April 20 2015 approx 2:30 pm	More busses on high traffic routes. I travel from o'leary to MacEwan daily and the busses are so full that there is not even standing room and people are often turned away. The route we take passes 3 high schools, 2 junior high, 3 elementary, 2 post secondary and many child care locations. I stopped using public transport in October, even though it was included in my tuition fees because there was never enough personal space. I was pregnant through the entire semester and was unable to get seating to have a safe ride. Secondly because of the one year delay in opening the MacEwan LRT it was a 4 block walk on icy sidewalks with 30lbs of textbooks required for my program. I felt unsafe in this and had no choice but to pay for parking closer to the campus.	Yes	F	Emergency call boxes as well as operator alert signals on the LRT
5/25/2015 18:00	Yes	Yes	- I have been harassed on transit without intervention. - When I have to wait for a long time at Clareview LRT station without reliable security nearby.	Ask your bus drivers not to drive away on someone who is visibly approaching to connect from other lines (trains, buses). That as a younger female it feels very unsafe and unnecessary.	Yes	F	Emergency buttons on train/emergency phones sometimes
5/19/2015 17:14	Yes	Yes	Waiting at the downtown LRT stations after dark are always the worst times. There is very limited security down there in the way of cameras or alarms, and I have been stuck multiple times waiting for the train with a guy harassing me and no one else around.		Yes	Female	Transit Officers, station alarms, alarms on the LRT
5/19/2015 17:34	Yes	Yes	- 2 ECigarette smokers on ETS bus who were in the company of a ~4 year old and did not seem concerned with their language choices near her. -Two lovers sharing a bottle of vodka on an ETS bus at 2 in the afternoon -Pan handlers frequenting my common LRT stops (eg Bay, Stadium) -Lack of police presence and monitoring in underground pedways (eg Mckernan/ Belgravia LRT) and stations with limited exits (eg. U of A)	More frequent peace officer presence Fines/ penalties for panhandling in an ETS/ LRT station Prioritizing video monitoring and review when complaints of abuse or harassment are reported	Yes	Female	Calling 911 Pressing the red buttons in LRT cars
5/19/2015 17:53	Yes	Yes	I have experience a number of unsafe experience on Edmonton Transit that mostly concerns verbal and sexual harassment. I have had experiences standing on the bus when a man beside has tried to look up my skirt. I've experienced numerous encounters of cat-calling and harassment that often ends up being sexual in nature. I encountered this one time specifically in the LRT system when I was in a car with 4 or 5 people. There was a man who started harassing me and insulating that he would like to have sex. This made me uncomfortable and I felt unsafe. I was reluctant to get off at my spot as the underground LRT stops have little to know people in the evenings.	While I understand the increased automation of systems and ticket checks to be more time and cost efficient I found that I felt safer taking transit when I interacted with the drivers, ticket checkers, or security officers.	Yes	Female	I am aware of some transportation vehicles using surveillance equipment and notice security officers frequently check the LRT. Although, I have found that their presence is primarily during large sporting events and not as frequent during hours when there are fewer passengers on the transit system - it is at this point where I have felt most unsafe.

5/19/2015 18:13:	Yes	Yes		I was approached at an LRT station and asked extremely crude questions by a strange older man who seemed intoxicated in the middle of the day.		Yes		Female	I know peace officers are around often and know their are emergency phones.
5/19/2015 18:57:	Yes	Yes		There was a man verbally abusing another women on the train. He was calling her rude names and using racial slurs, he then started pacing around, threatening anyone who tries to say something or even made eye contact with him.	neither of the things listed above help you if you're actually on the train, so having a panic button in the cars or something would be good. I'd also like to see more peace officers around the LRT stations during the late night service.	Yes		Female	There's some phone number to call to report suspicious activity I think, and help phones on the platform.
5/19/2015 21:13:	Yes	Yes		Once, I was in an LRT car with only one other person at around 11:30pm. He sat directly next to me and proceeded to tell me how much he wanted to fuck me, and was describing violent things he likes to do to the women he dates. I was scared so I got off the train a few stops before I needed to, and thankfully he didn't follow me. I always feel unsafe when I'm on public transit when it's dark out, but if it's light, or if there's a lot of people around, I don't feel threatened.	I think that visible security cameras would deter any crime that might happen on buses and trains.	Yes		Female	I know that there's an emergency button.
5/19/2015 21:51:	Yes	Yes		There was a man hiding a knife in his sleeve on the LRT once so my friend and I got off and switched cars. An ETS bus is also where I saw my very first drug deal.		Yes		Female	None other than Peace Officers sometimes riding the LRT as well as emergency buttons.
5/19/2015 21:58:	Yes	Yes		On the 8, leaving from downtown when the bus is over capacity and individuals do not have any personal space.	We're doing a great job Edmonton!!! Keep on being the fabulous city that we are :) The only way we are going to solve problems is by working together!	Yes		Female	The new advertising campaign about being an ETS hero which motivates transit users to be courteous. 'Might want to shower if it's been a couple of days' or whatever it is. Having officers and community members of authority who take the LRT. The ETS security minivans that drive around in order to see if things are moving along and going well.
5/19/2015 22:33:	Yes	Yes		Once during high school I was taking the 9 to Southgate; I was sitting at the back of a bendy-bus, a considerable distance from the driver, and the group of people that ended up sitting beside me were dealing drugs to one another.		Yes		Female	Peace officers at lrt and transit stations, emergency help buttons on the lrt
5/19/2015 22:35:	Yes	Yes						Female	
5/19/2015 22:51:	Yes	Yes		Drunk people sometimes take the bus and behave like total idiots which scares me a lot. Also, sometimes they insult other people on the bus pissing them off in the morning. They do not let people sit on the seats next to theirs.		Yes		female	No idea :(
5/19/2015 23:01:	Yes	Yes		Riding the bus terrifies me. It is not so much the bus ride but rather the bus stops and what happens once I'm off the bus. I always call my mom on my way home but after my night classes I'm scared to get abducted on my way home.	A number to text if we feel unsafe. Better drives that are trained as security guards. I've had drivers be totally oblivious to drunk/high bus riders that are right behind them fighting. Perhaps the drivers are just too scared to get involved?	Yes		Female	I don't know of any.
5/19/2015 23:10:	Yes	Yes		Being a MacEwan student, I take the bus to downtown frequently and there have been a few incidences of drunk men being on the bus and acting a little too friendly for my comfort.	I understand it is safer for intoxicated riders to take a bus rather than drive, but it would be nice to have a "school special" for MacEwan university students to get to West Edmonton Mall since the LRT doesn't go that direction.	Yes		Female	
5/19/2015 23:25:	Yes	Yes		When people do drugs/smoke on the back of the bus. No one notices or complains	more aware bus drivers.	Yes		female	none
5/20/2015 16:29:	Yes	Yes		Bus drivers talking on cell phones. Rude, abusive passengers not being handled appropriately. Buses being too crowded during peak hours, no seats available, people fall. Drivers with serious road rage. And one impatient driver that was part of the collision earlier this year at the intersection leading into MacEwan.	Drivers should be tested on their day to day routes without knowing, so that ETS can see how they really behave. Almost like a mystery shopper/mystery passenger.	Yes		Female	Calling 311 or 911.
5/21/2015 9:05:2	Yes	Yes		while on the 5 to westmount there was a man who had been using the bus as a hotel room and the bus driver had asked one of the police or peace officer to remove him, weirdly I felt more unsafe after the cop had come on than I did before with this guy just sleeping. there were many other cases of drunk indians who just talked the whole time regardless of who was listening.	later bus running times, that way those who need the public transit after bars or going to a party have safe transport. I wouldn't mind if there were cameras on all of the buses and LRTs just so if things do go down there is a record of it. as long as the footage was only used for the safety of passengers and driver and not for giving fines or citations to passengers.	Yes		female	cameras, the occasional presence of officers, and lots of signs

5/21/2015 9:05:3	Yes	Yes	Nothing specific, just particularly when in the underground sections of the LRT as it can be very quiet and as a woman I feel vulnerable. It feels too risky, therefore I use LRT only when absolutely necessary.	Better security (more patrollers, emergency access) and monitors everywhere, especially in the underground sections. In addition, making it very obvious cameras are everywhere.	Yes		female	Some cameras. Some patrolling.
5/21/2015 17:25:	Yes	Yes	One guy (he looked young) started swearing at me (saying something about me keep talking to my sister like that ..btw, I don't have a sister and I was just looking at my cell phone to check the time) while I was on the train sometime in the afternoon. This happened once but I guess what made me scary the most was that noone on the train even looked at the guy or me when this was happening. People really didn't care.	There are many areas in LRT (university station) where there is no security camera. Also, the internet connection is poor especially where there are stairs since it's in the basement area. I think I would feel safer to have the camera available and have better internet or phone connection.	Yes		female	None
5/22/2015 15:20:	Yes	Yes	The other day, I was waiting at Churchill station at around 10 am, and there was a guy with a duffie bag pacing around and swearing to himself and checking his watch. He didn't get on the train going to clareview when it came, and he didn't get on the century park train either. I noticed that as I was getting on the train, he was staring me down and headed to the phone booth to make a call. This is just one of many times I am pretty sure I've witnessed someone waiting for a drug deal.	More/some security guards at the LRT stations (particularly the downtown stations).	Yes		Female	Some train stations have phone booths, so I could call 911 if needed. Trains have emergency alarm buttons to push in case of emergency. I don't know of any security measures on buses.
5/22/2015 23:39:	Yes	Yes	at night or when not many people are on the train (during non rush hour times) I feel the risk of being victimized is higher for me.		Yes		female	I am aware that there is a button to press to speak to the driver at one end of the bus but if I'm not close to it then my only hope is that someone else will use it if I'm being victimized
5/25/2015 10:57:	Yes	Yes	Several times I have had men (varying in age, some were intoxicated) make lewd comments towards me. This has always happened on the LRT. I have never had an encounter while taking the bus. On several occasions, I have been seated across from a man, who will then make comments about my looks or try and continue an uncomfortable conversation with me. When I tell him I do not appreciate the remarks, sometimes they become hostile. Once an elderly man made sexually inappropriate gestures at me.		Yes		Female	I have seen peace officers take the train, although this is rare.
5/25/2015 11:14:	Yes	Yes	I've had experiences where intoxicated people are making a scene on the bus, often times they never get violent but you don't know that they won't.	Lights at each bus stop might be a good idea.. or even an emergency button at stops like West Ed, Lewis Farms, Jasper Place, etc. I'm not sure if those already exist.	Yes		Female	I am not aware of any.
5/25/2015 12:01:	Yes	Yes	There were several males riding the bus, making demeaning comments about women as they walked past them to sit down. I was one Of them.	LRTs should have more of a police/security presence- not just during eclectically large events or when they are checking to see if you had purchased a ticket or not.	Yes		Female	When riding the LRT I know there are emergency buttons to push or that will contact security. Not the same for riding the bus.
5/25/2015 13:13:	Yes	Yes	The majority of the time that I feel unsafe when using Edmonton Transit is concerning the safety around transit centers. On the bus/LRT I actually feel fairly safe. I would feel much safer at transit centers if there were patrol officers dedicated to each center (calling for a patroller who takes 15 minutes to arrive doesn't help me).	Security boxes (blue light/button) are few and far between. Can there be a number I can text a concern to without drawing attention to myself? E.g. If my bus driver is driving way too fast and jumping multiple curbs (happened once); if the man sitting on the other side of the terminal is threatening me; if I see a kid getting bullied but know that I will get hurt too if I interfere, etc. Also, the number would have to be logical, so that I can remember it in a stressful situation. E.g. 780-ETS-HELP (780-387-4357).	Yes		Female	Security boxes in transit centers, cameras in underground LRT stations, and on-foot patrol officers (although I've rarely ever see them at WEM, only sometimes at underground LRT stations, and never at above-ground LRT stations).
5/25/2015 13:21:	Yes	Yes	When two guys got into an altercation because of where one of the individuals was sitting. The guy that instigated the conflict was intoxicated.		Yes		female	none
5/25/2015 13:57:	Yes	Yes	Walking from the Clarveiv (sp?) LRT station where there was people loitering around, then began to shout things at me and my friend	More security at busy times, my sister just about got her purse stolen and it was when the LRT has been busy with people.	Yes		Female	None. I only see security around for events.

5/25/2015 15:13: Yes	Yes		I only feel unsafe on transit after about 9pm. I ride the #8 and it seems to get a bit sketchy after rush hour. Times I feel unsafe usually include some kind of intoxicated male or groups of rowdy (sometimes intoxicated) teens. Once there was a group of young males and they had themselves spread out all over the entire back part of the bus. There were available seats back there but it felt like you were putting yourself in the middle of a riot if you went back there.	I know the BOB campaign tried this, but I feel like there is a whole group of people out there who don't know how to behave in public. It would be nice if it felt like drivers were paying attention to what's happening in the back of the bus. Then maybe they could quietly call a transit security person who could then just board the bus for a bit. That would take the pressure off the driver to be the intervening party. The security officer is better equipped to handle booting people off the bus if required and maybe just by being there for a bit, letting these people know that they aren't unnoticed, would help release some of the tension.	Yes		Female	None.
5/25/2015 15:15: Yes	Yes		Creepy drunks, especially after sporting events, tend to be extra offensive and seem threatening. I worry about being followed or groped once away from the station.	Having security and video at high risk areas. Increased security after special events and late evenings.	Yes		female	None.
5/25/2015 15:26: Yes	Yes				Yes		Female	Emergency button on trains and at lrt stations
5/25/2015 15:29: Yes	Yes		When individuals who seem to dress gangly and/or are carrying bags. I feel unsafe because I don't know if they're bringing weapons aboard.	Metal screening or any type of screening for weapons.	Yes		Female	None. Just ticket checks.
5/25/2015 15:47: Yes	Yes		I was on the 8 coming from work after 11pm and three men were harassing me on the bus. The bus driver asked the men to leave, and their reactions were drunk and aggressive. The bus driver then asked me what corner was closest to my apartment and dropped me off there, rather than the bus stop 3 blocks away.	More safety measures at bus stops — better lighting, etc.	Yes		Female	Only the phones in the LRT stations.
5/25/2015 15:49: Yes	Yes		There have been several times when a stranger has made threatening looks, comments or gestures at me. I also saw a fellow passenger get hit one time.	I think that, in general, transit is safe. I've taken ETS for many years and the number of safe trips I've had vastly outnumber the dodgy ones. That said, I do think that the late-night buses starting this fall (yay!) should be looked at for security. It would be a good idea to have radios or some way for drivers to quickly and directly contact EPS in an emergency. I think public perceptions about transit safety are also affected by outlier events, such as violent attacks against drivers or passengers that are reported in the media.	Yes		female	I am aware of security cameras and transit authority members that patrol stations and LRT cars, as well as emergency buttons.
5/25/2015 15:51: Yes	Yes		Night time/after PM rush hour. Specifically at Northside transit centres and on the route 9, 11. Drunk people who harass.		Yes		Female	Buses and trains are equipped with cameras. LRTs have emergency buttons and stations have emergency phones. If you ask a bus driver to stop just past a bus stop or what have you, they will (only at night time though).
5/25/2015 16:05: Yes	Yes		At times there are very intoxicated people on the transit in the middle of the day, after and before work. There have also been some people around let stations that have made me feel insecure.	I would like to finally see the macewan and Nait lrt stations open. I'm a student at MacEwan and hate walking up 107th street late at night after studying. I would love to see a later nighttime service on the weekends. Especially for Whyte ave. It would be great to be able to stay out later than midnight and be able to get a safe ride home.	Yes		female	I know there is video surveillance in let and many bus stations. I have seen police officer around lrt stations, especially after concerts and large events.
5/25/2015 16:09: Yes	Yes		A man with a mental illness and/or on drugs being ridiculous.	More patrolling and officer riding of lrt and stations.	Yes		Female	Police
5/25/2015 16:16: Yes	Yes		A high school aged student sat next to me and was repeatedly opening and closing a pocket knife by flicking his wrist. He and his friend, who was sitting in the seat in front of us, were talking about slitting the throat of another student. They were discussing where they were going to meet the other student to do this. I felt unable to leave since I was in the window seat and the student was in the aisle seat. I don't understand how this wasn't seen since he was flicking the blade open in the aisle. After the two students got off at their school, I called the school and informed them of what I overheard. In another situation, a man that seemed intoxicated was sitting at the very front of the bus. He was describing killing and raping children and was not difficult to hear.	I really wish the bus driver had attempted to intervene in either of these situations. They were both easily detectable.	Yes		Female	Only those that involve evacuation of the bus in case of a fire.

5/25/2015 16:19: Yes	Yes		I once watched a guy get stabbed and did first aid on him because the bus driver told me and my friends his shift was over and to get off his bus. We asked him before we got on the bus if we was going to our stop and he said yes but we never made it to our stop because he told us to get off before we made it there.	No.	Yes		female	Their are none
5/25/2015 16:44: Yes	Yes			Cleaner and more accessible.	Yes		Female	I know that if the bus driver feels unsafe, he can call someone.
5/25/2015 16:56: Yes	Yes		<p>These are all on different occasions:</p> <p>Once on the #1 at night, a drunk man kept trying to touch a teenaged girl inappropriately, so I told him to stop, and he tried to punch me. Another passenger (a large guy) intervened, and the drunk man backed off.</p> <p>Once on the #2 a man kept pulling off my headphones to get me to talk to him. I politely and firmly told him I wanted to listen to my headphones and wasn't interested in talking. He yelled and tried to yank my headphones away. I moved to another seat, and he followed. I got off at the next stop and awaited a second bus.</p> <p>Once on the LRT a man pulled on my hair very hard. I asked him what he was doing, and he said that he was trying to get my attention. I moved to a different part of the car, and he followed, and yelled at me for ignoring him.</p> <p>Once on the #1 a bus driver was making lewd comments about my appearance. I didn't know how to respond, as I didn't want to get kicked off the bus at night.</p> <p>Once on the LRT a passenger was playing with a large knife and making stabbing motions with it. I got off the train and caught the next one.</p> <p>Many times on busses, the driver would weave in and out of traffic, and go through red lights when it wasn't safe.</p>	I really wish I did.	Yes		Female	I believe some busses have cameras. I don't fault the drivers for not stepping in during some situations, as they are not equipped to deal with things any more than a passenger is. The LRT stations are likely equipped with cameras, and are patrolled occasionally.
5/25/2015 17:38: Yes	Yes		<p>Multiple times where I have been approached with aggression, mostly verbal, all from men, and usually in a sexual manner. The worst, was once on the bus I heard a man crying so I turned around to see where it was coming from and he started screaming at me, calling me a whore, and telling me that I suck dicks all night... the bus driver said nothing, and neither did anyone else, so I got off the bus on the next stop and he started shouting that he was going to kill me... again no help from anyone. That was the last time I ever stepped foot on an Edmonton bus.</p> <p>Also, taking the LRT and walking home, I have had multiple men follow me home trying to get my attention. A man literally went as far as to follow me in a white panel van and kept telling me to get in.</p>	I wish there was more of a presence of authority and a security buton on the LRT, and better lighting around LRT station.	Yes		Female	I know there are "emergency" call buttons in the LRT terminals, though I have no idea how fast anyone would be able to respond to it. I also know there is a security presence, but I feel it is far and few between, especially at night.
5/25/2015 17:51: Yes	Yes		I was once taking the lrt home from work and a very intoxicated man was yelling and starting fights with people on the train. He would swear at us if we did not respond.	Perhaps transit employees could ride the trains during the hours after the sun goes down so we have someone to approach immediately if we feel Hey bae. The porters are wondering if you might be willing to come in for a few hours today? They are missing you already :) unsafe	Yes		female	None
5/25/2015 17:59: Yes	Yes		Many times on the bus and lrt i have felt unsafe due to out of control individuals who get out of control away from where anyone is able to assist including being verbally assaulted many times and almost physically assaulted as well. Especially when sitting anywhere from the middle of the bus to the back, it gets overfilled to the point drivers cannot even see the garbage they goes on, mainly minors assaulting older individuals. I do not even feel safe enough to ride the train, unless in a large group or with my boyfriend and usually a few of his friends, just so they can box me into a corner and i do not have to be exposed to the chance of anything happening	there needs to be more security measures in place especially for drivers/operators to be able to see more of what is going on in the back of the bus or corners of the lrt cameras do not reach	Yes		female	Only reporting an incident after it has already occurred which results in a vicious cycle of nothing being changed and no response.
5/25/2015 18:19: Yes	Yes		Yes, at Commonwealth Stadium after a football game, with drunk men saying inappropriate things about my breasts. In general, taking buses at night on streets with not enough lighting.	More buses running more frequently, and more at night on weekends (perhaps offering a night bus option, similar to Vancouver).	Yes		Female	The security phones are around.
5/25/2015 18:42: Yes	Yes		When intoxicated people get on and start yelling and being physically violent.	Always have a friend with you.	Yes		Female	That it is illegal to harass the driver.

5/25/2015 19:18: Yes	Yes		When obviously rowdy drunk people are having an altercation on the bus...either with each other or the driver.	Give the drivers more power so they feel empowered to deal with the situation!	Yes		Female	The driver can call security to come...but most times they don't want to deal with things because they are afraid for their safety.
5/25/2015 19:33: Yes	Yes		Usually at night when there's very few people and often very creepy. My friend had her iPad stolen from her hands at the Belvedere transit center late at night a while back	Drivers that are trained to resolve conflict and in self defence. Maybe stationed officers at transit centers for late at night	Yes		female	Peace officers, cameras, emergency buttons
5/25/2015 20:30: Yes	Yes		Downtown, late at night, and alone usually.		Yes		female	There's blue boxes you can make a call in to security, but that's all I know about.
5/25/2015 21:34: Yes	Yes		Letting people who are mentally unstable onto public transit with no supervision Some bus stops also have very little lighting at night	N/A	Yes		Female	Transit watch
5/25/2015 22:06: Yes	Yes		I was riding home from night class and there was a clearly very drunk older man that would not stop talking to me and rode with me almost to my stop. I thought about pretending that the only other person on the bus (a 20-something guy) was a friend just to be able to distance myself from the older guy. The man ended up getting off a few stops before me. I jogged from my stop home just to be safe.	if there was a transit officer stationed at terminals after it got dark I would feel way more comfortable riding back from my night classes.	Yes		Female	transit officers check if you have a valid pass. There are cameras on buses, the LRT and in stations. There are emergency phones at some stations
5/25/2015 22:08: Yes	Yes		When people get on the LRT in a group shouting and swearing. Or when people come sit with you and stare at you and won't leave you alone.	Have more of a visible peace officer presence. Have turnstiles so that people are not just hoping on the train without a ticket.	Yes		Female	Emergency buttons, cameras, officers.
5/25/2015 22:12: Yes	Yes		I have been harassed while riding the LRT/bus many times. I never ride past 9:00pm and only ever around the Corona station and University station (two generally "safe" areas). Once, this winter, a man started screaming at me in the LRT, calling me sexually abusive names. Luckily, a fellow student came over and offered assistance. The man backed off. It was very scary. I see drug deals occur around the Corona station every week. Pot is often openly smoked. I often see people carry large knives or razors onto a bus or train. If a cop is around, they simply put the weapon under their coat. I keep my head down when I ride transit.	MORE POLICE PLEASE! I would love to see more security in and around the transit system. Cracking down on the drug deals that occur DAILY at all the major LRT and bus stations would be so so helpful.	Yes		Female	Asking a bus driver for help. Calling the cops.
5/25/2015 22:22: Yes	Yes		At night time, taking the lrt through downtown, or waiting for transit after dark at transit stations. There are often intoxicated people at transit stations after dark, and it's unnerving to be waiting for transit and feeling alone with someone who could potentially cause me harm as they are not in the right state of mind.	Security at lrt stations/presence of someone at bus stations	Yes		female	Emergency stop buttons on the lrt
5/25/2015 22:27: Yes	Yes		There once was a verbal dispute between two guys on a bus, they were being very loud and it looked like they were about to fight each other and the bus driver did nothing. A passenger told them to get off the bus if they were going to behave like that.		Yes		Female	
5/25/2015 22:41: Yes	Yes		- drunk individual(s) trying to have a conversation - later at night when not many people are riding		Yes		Female	Cameras; police (?) going car to car checking tickets and individuals; something to pull if emergency
5/25/2015 22:45: Yes	Yes		Sometimes there are creeps who touch themselves on the bus and things, or will sit right next to you when there's a bunch of open seats and ask odd questions. Mostly I feel unsafe when I hear about stabbings or robbery committed on ETS.	Actually, not any I can think of.	Yes		Female	Talk to the driver? Call the police? I have no idea.
5/25/2015 22:48: Yes	Yes		I fight broke out on one of the busses I was taking. I ended up calling for a ride instead of bussing the rest of my way home.		Yes		Female	Peace officers, cameras
5/25/2015 22:51: Yes	Yes		A drunk man was harassing me	more police present during later hours	Yes		Female	I'm not aware of any

5/25/2015 22:57: Yes	Yes		Sometimes there are sketchy people on the bus that make me uncomfortable. I feel like there's a lot of pressure that must be put on the driver to keep people safe. I've never been attacked or anything but one time years ago someone sprayed pepper spray... that sucked. But other than that, a lot of the time there are drunk/high people. The other day a lady was trying to pick a fight with someone and I got it on video. The guy ignored her but it was really weird. I was worried she was going to start yelling at me too. There's not much you can do about these people, I know that. But that's when I feel unsafe.	Not really but can I just complain about the 7 route for just a second? I think it's a very important bus route as it goes to two universities, downtown and through Whyte Ave and yet it rarely runs and I found it is always early, I dunno what's up with that. I think it should be considered more of a major route like the 8 or 9 and run more often. A lot of people I've talked to agree with this. It's awesome that you guys are doing this survey about safety but from everyone I talk to, it's more important to see what people want to say about ETS in general. The ETS App is a great start. Also maybe could there be some sort of low income service when buying a bus pass? I get a deal through the school year but when it's summer I have to pay the normal fee and I am still only making \$12 an hour plus I have rent and bills to pay. Just an idea. Thank you for reading.	Yes		Female	I'm not sure, I guess I just assume the bus driver is able to handle things if something happened. And if I felt really unsafe I'm sure I could sit at the front.
5/25/2015 23:48: Yes	Yes						female	
5/26/2015 8:29:3 Yes	Yes		So the last train tends to be back with students on Thursdays heading back from bars on Jasper, but one fine evening I somehow got separated from my group. I did not have enough money to cab it back so I decided to take the train back to the stop near lister center. While waiting for the train I was approached by a group of men who cat called(this is putting it lightly) me. Then after a few minutes they left and from the area above the train platform they threw the entire contents of the metro news papers at me.	Security workers or more cops	Yes		Female	Nothing, sometimes I see cop or two.
5/26/2015 8:40:0 Yes	Yes		There have been particular instances where individuals riding the bus are threatening for an unknown reason. Once, I walked onto the bus, minding my own business when a girl shouted "don't!" At me. I hadn't done anything. From there she continued to reach out and touch my boyfriend, who's back was turned to her, and she wouldn't stop until we found a new spot on to stand the bus (it was packed and all we could do was shimmy in closer). She was very unhappy when we left, glaring through the window. I felt bad because perhaps she had a mental illness, but I wish I could have talked to the driver or had some back-up to feel safer on the ride.	it would be nice to see transit officers more often, and not just checking passes. It would keep everyone on the bus/train in their best behaviour. And if the officer was welcoming, I could go sit with him/her if there truly was an issue.	Yes		Female	I know there are safety measures for the driver, such as cameras and barriers. And the LRT has cameras throughout (I think in every cart?)
5/19/2015 22:37: Yes	Yes		Two drunk guys got on and looked like they just got out of a fight and I was on the bus alone.	Have a peace officer patrolling major transit centers more often.	Yes		female	I'm not aware of any.
5/19/2015 22:49: Yes	Yes		Yeah. When I was alone in the bus and sometimes sitting with guys drinking alcohol in the bus.	Maybe a separate transit for students.	Yes		female	I don't know.
5/20/2015 8:56:4 Yes	Yes		There were a few times where men approached me and I was afraid they could become violent. There were a lot of people around me so I knew I would have help if I needed it but I still was on edge.		Yes		Female	The emergency button in each car.
5/21/2015 9:14:5 Yes	Yes		when an individual went into a rage on the lrt platform and began punching signs and yelling and swearing. Thankfully I was on the train at the time but the doors were unlocked and I was worried what would happen if the particular individual got on the train as well and continued to act out.		Yes		Female	warning to driver button
5/21/2015 13:03: Yes	Yes		A homeless man came and sat next to me and made the situation very uncomfortable. I got off at the next stop and waited for the next lrt		Yes		Female	I have never seen any security.
5/25/2015 15:22: Yes	Yes		I have had a lot of experiences, especially at night, where there were men who were obviously under the influences of narcotics. During their high they would trip out and scream profanities, pace around and have general erratic behaviour. I would especially feel unsafe at Jasper Place bus stop, where there were a lot of people who were obviously under the influence of drugs and alcohol would gather.	Having more police/ personnel on the trains/ stations as a whole. Ensuring that the stations and surrounding areas are better lit.	Yes		female	Safe Walk, Emergency Strips on LRT
5/25/2015 16:10: Yes	Yes		I was approached by 3 large men when I was 15, they proceeded to not let me off the lrt and chased me down south gate lrt station because I wouldn't give my number. That was 5 years ago.	More police presence or an easier way to report suspicious activity.	Yes		Female	I know police patrol the area as well as macewan and u of a providing safe walk services.
5/25/2015 19:04: Yes	Yes		I was coming home from w concert and one guy wa running away from another guy and ran into the lrt and was crying and holding his face in his hands, and the other guy was banging on the window and threatening him and making faces. These were also 2 grown men	Cameras in every train and more peace officers or people in security professions monitoring BOTH the trains and train stations	Yes		Female	None

5/25/2015 19:06: Yes	Yes	Someone was drunk and vomited next to me 7 times in the course of two stops at 11am. Another time, a bunch of teenager boys were drinking beer in the back of the bus and referring to young women they knew as sluts and bitches. Nobody said anything. Anytime it's late and I'm taking the bus alone with drunk men, I tend to feel intimidated. Once a man on my bus started yelling at a young girl in a hijab and calling her a terrorist. No one intervened and she fled the bus.	Random police or security presence on buses. I appreciate the cameras but the reality is that bus drivers are too busy driving to do much about passengers.	Yes	Female	None.
5/25/2015 21:50: Yes	Yes	-Drunk people on the bus -man with blood came on the bus so he could go to the hospital and the bus driver allowed this - a man yelling he was going to masterbate on the bus and rape a girl . Bus driver did nothing -several drunk groups of people	Do not let drunk,high, and sort of intoxicated people on.	Yes	female	Peace officers. Edmonton police and o LRT emergency button
5/25/2015 22:36: Yes	Yes	I feel uncomfortable at night times particularly. When "sketchy" people get on the bus/lrt/lrt station I get concerned. Especially both lrt scenarios because I feel like there is no escape or help if it was just me at the station or train because the driver can't see me.	I think if you had peace officers or security at some of the underground stations where there's no where to escape easily if there was a problem.	Yes	Female	I'm not really sure I know of any. I know I sometimes see peace officers looking for tickets but that's it.
5/22/2015 13:35: Yes	Yes	Really really drunk loud people, Even though there's alarms everywhere, the fact that there's likely not a person on immediate call to help on a train at any given time is scary with really aggressive individuals	Maybe have more officers at stations themselves? It's kind of the security is out of sight/mind sort of this for those types of people?	Yes	Genderfluid	Cameras, Monitoring, Alarms on all windows/doors.
5/25/2015 12:36: Yes	Yes	A vey drunk man was sitting beside me and kept leaning on me to fall asleep, and invading my personal space.	Proactive measures to take disrespectful individuals off the bus (i.e. individuals who are making others feel unsafe)	Yes	genderqueer	211 and 911
5/25/2015 16:15: Yes	Yes	Riding home on the LTR or bus at night, especially after a hockey game or other event. Harassment/stares/comments/men following me off the bus are all pretty regular things.		Yes	I identify as a woman	I know the drivers are cool with helping out if someone is being bothered and usually feel safe going to them if I'm having an issue. On the LTR on the other hand I don't ever really feel safe and am not aware of many security measures... maybe those little emergency phones? My mind is blank.
5/19/2015 20:48: Yes	Yes	There was a man who's actions could be explained by him being extremely intoxicated, but I don't actually know what his condition was. Making a lot of noise, being antisocial and seeming unpredictable.		Yes	Male	None
5/19/2015 21:57: Yes	Yes	It was at 10PM on a Thursday in April heading down from Clareview to University. Drunken and disheveled people were running about the train car with their children and one obnoxious man had a visible knife in his pocket.	Dealing with the public drunkenness and having a larger police presence on the line.	Yes	Male	Security cameras and the occasional peace officer.
5/19/2015 22:01: Yes	Yes	Once, a drunk man was yelling very loudly on the train and it was very worrisome because there were children also on the train. Another time, a deranged man who was clearly intoxicated with something (alcohol or drugs) kept making derogatory remarks to every passenger near him and even threatening certain passengers with violent and graphic insults. On a bus, one delusional man eavesdropped on my phone call and when i was finished, he repeated my conversation to me without the proper context, framing it to sound that i was some criminal. He proceeded to threaten to put me in jail somehow. I ended up ignoring him.	Having safety buttons on the bus would help, especially at the back of the bus.	Yes	male	There are emergency buttons on the trains and at train stations.
5/19/2015 22:45: Yes	Yes	This drunk native guy got on the bus, and then some black guy on the phone was looking at him briefly and the drunk man thought he was talking to the cops, came up right in his face saying who are you talking to and kept asking, looked like he was going to attack him, and then he goes stumbling to the front of the bus, almost everyone in the bus was terrified. I wasn't, but majority were, and it was a very uncomfortable bus ride. He got off after few stops, and the atmosphere of the people are the bus was like a huge relief.	Some how, without discrimination, not allow potentially dangerous people on the bus. You can get a erie feeling with some people.	Yes	Male	None to be honest.

5/22/2015 12:37: Yes	Yes		Being gay, there are times when taking the bus or the train when I worry about the idea of being randomly attacked and not being able to defend myself. This is most common during the evening when I'm coming home from work.						
5/22/2015 13:29: Yes	Yes		One time in particular, I was taking the train from Southgate to Central station and this drunk man kept on muttering homophobic comments under his breath when I sat across from him. I eventually ended up moving seats, but I still got looks from him for the remainder of the trip.	Creation of a task force to see the amount of sexual harassments cases that happen while on transit.	Yes		Male	I've seen transit security on the train occasionally, but nothing more than that.	
5/22/2015 17:36: Yes	Yes		Late night traveling downtown		Yes		male		
5/22/2015 17:36: Yes	Yes		I was approached by a man under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he tried to grab one of my friends and when we asked him to leave us alone, he began swearing at us. We then ran away from him.	More peace/transit officers patrolling the walkways/platforms at LRT stations.	Yes		Male	I am aware of the peace and transit officers as well and the emergency buttons on train platforms.	
5/25/2015 12:02: Yes	Yes		Plenty of times late at night there are drunk people on the bus who will try to chastise other patrons. Sometimes the bus driver will say something, other times not so much.	I think the bus drivers should make more of an effort, but I think the biggest concern is safety at the stops themselves. Damn near impossible to police them all but perhaps more lights or less waiting time may help.	Yes		Male	My school has safewalk, but short of that, none that I can think of.	
5/25/2015 12:52: Yes	Yes		I was attacked on the LRT from Clareview to downtown. I was approached by two Aboriginal men, unknown to me, who proceeded to harass me and then I was punched in the face and beat up on for no apparent reason, aside from my perceived sexual orientation.	More security personnel available at all times, especially late night.	Yes		Male	Cameras Emergency Buttons	
5/25/2015 13:07: Yes	Yes		Entering and exiting the downtown LRT stations at late hours are frequently the most unsafe experiences I've ever had. The only time I've been the victim of a violent crime happened while leaving the Churchill Station via City Centre Mall.	The surrounding areas of Edmonton transit centres and stations more so need to be made safer.	Yes		Male	Transit operators are the best first point of contact for when I feel unsafe while using transit.	
5/25/2015 15:10: Yes	Yes		Young teens started to yell, swear and harass people on the train. These teens would try and bug people sitting them, and sometimes it made people uncomfortable.	More ticket checkers and officers, a lot of young teens are harassing older people on the train	Yes		Male		
5/25/2015 16:01: Yes	Yes		A transit rider once kind of freaked out on the LRT and started yelling at everyone. I didn't feel like I knew where to say anything or if we were supposed to stop him.	More LRT, more security at both LRT stations and bus stops on occasion	Yes		Male	I assume there are cameras	
5/25/2015 17:47: Yes	Yes		I was 'street' harassed on the LRT one evening a couple months ago. I was harassed because of my gender appearance and I did not want to disclose my gender to them as it was not their right to know what gender I identified as, in case they wanted to pursue extreme measures afterwards. They sat across from me on the accessibility seating areas (long seats facing each other) and kept trying to harass me until another person stepped in and asked them to stop and explain how inappropriate it was. They tried to threaten him by calling a fight with him, and I tried to step in to say how unnecessary it was. Their stop finally came up and they left the LRT making no physical harm. I thanked the guy who stepped in for me and it made me feel better that someone stepped in as an ally for support.	Making awareness campaigns. Possibly street harassment workshops. Not sure what else.	Yes		Male	The emergency button on LRT. 911 access via cell phone. Peace officers when they're on site.	
5/25/2015 18:25: Yes	Yes		Just generally riding a late Friday or Saturday night bus with intoxicated and (potentially) aggressive individuals, who seem as though they might become violent if provoked. By provoked I mean anything they might interpret as such, including something as innocent as accidental, momentary eye contact or another intoxicated individual of a similar demeanor boarding the bus. I have only been personally threatened by an intoxicated man once on the bus, and that was probably ten years ago. He and I were the only ones on the bus, while the bus driver was off having a smoke or using the washroom. He turned around and began threatening and swearing at me. That said, I don't believe the City could do anything to remedy this situation. Drivers cannot be expected to have to sit on the bus at all times, and not allowing intoxicated individuals to board the bus obviously is not the answer.	One the one hand, I would say that the largest demographic to "cause problems" on the bus do so because they are victims of poverty, and banning them from buses or further hindering their movements is only going to exacerbate the problem. The city seems to provide adequate security; however, I suspect that I might be biased, because I am tall and a male. Not to be misogynistic, I just imagine that tall men are less apt to be threatened. This demographic issue needs to continue to be addressed by the city's poverty action plan, as well as a more comprehensive response to mental health issues by the province. On the other, were I a woman, I suspect I would feel threatened by men following, catcalling, and doing such degrading things to me at night. In this case, I believe a campaign that highlights how disgusting such behaviour is and raises awareness of how threatened individuals can get help, in conjunction with a temporary boost in security, might be effective.	Yes		Male	The blue and white emergency contact boxes, the odd ETS security patrol in high-traffic areas, and the Safe Walk programs offered at MacEwan and UAlberta.	
5/25/2015 18:35: Yes	Yes		Several times taking the LRT, especially at night and when North Side (north of University LRT station).	No	Yes		Male	Transit security, cameras, something to prevent the assault of drivers, emergency buttons on trains	
5/25/2015 19:14: Yes	Yes						male	emergency call mechanism to driver of LRT	

5/25/2015 19:27: Yes	Yes					Yes		male	the emergency button
				Most recently I was a passenger on a bus and I was listening to a girl beating up her boyfriend, who it seemed like had been cheating on her.					Edmonton Transit currently uses CCTV cameras extensively both on LRT and busses. In the LRT trains there are three different operator alert systems.
5/25/2015 19:58: Yes	Yes			Before that I have been on a couple of busses where heavily intoxicated people have been riding, and they have not been treating other passengers with respect.	In addition to what I listed above, more frequent patrols by both transit security and EPS on both LRT and the Bus system.	Yes		Male	
					Texting feature into a security or peace officer line. Aid could quickly be summoned in the case of operator and/or patron assault, or dangerous individuals. I believe operators should NEVER let inebriated patrons on the bus (esp those carrying open alcohol!). I've seen them let these ppl on the bus on a number of occasions over 75% of operators don't even check for current bus passes, etc... Irks me that so many use transit for free while I diligently pay for all my monthly passes. Regular patrols by peace officer and especially police officers at night (last 3-4 buses/LRTs of the night particularly) of transit stations and late night bus lines such as the 1,2,4, and especially the 8. This would cause assault, attempted rape and fatality incidents to plummet with visible law enforcement presence and deter criminal activities of even lesser variety such as vandalism, graffiti, etc...	Yes		Male	Security Transit Line, however I do not believe this is 24/7. High traffic time police officer and (usually) peace officer patrols.
5/25/2015 20:29: Yes	Yes			Every time I'm on the #3, 5, 8 or 135. The 3 and 5 often have very rough looking characters, drunks and those high on drugs and reeking of their substance abuse. The fellow patrons can often be belligerent and prone to starting fights/malicious conversation, making others feeling most uncomfortable. I've		Yes		Male	
									none to be honest besides peace officers walking around the transit systems. maybe theres also cameras in the stations
5/25/2015 21:41: Yes	Yes			weird creepy looking guy kept walking by me late at night and had a ball cap, hood on and sunglasses on which was really zd	more security late at night. not so much security during the day when its busy	Yes		male	
5/25/2015 21:57: Yes	Yes			Never	Everyone carries guns at all times	Yes		male	I carry a gun at all times
				I almost always feel safe on the LRT, but there's been times when I've felt unsafe at the transit centres/bus loops. It seems like a lot of people use them to do drug deals very openly, even in the indoor areas of the shelters. I know it's not usually not directly threatening, but it still puts me on edge and makes me feel uncomfortable to be in the area.	Vancouver just implemented a system where you can text transit police/security. This would be a wonderful addition for Edmonton, since most of the time in unsafe situations on transit it could be dangerous to make a phone call.	Yes		male	Transit Watch phone number, the blue phones, LRT alarm strips
5/25/2015 22:02: Yes	Yes					Yes		male	
				was assaulted at the MacEwan transit stop. Also witnessed sexual harassment from non-students towards students. School Security would not help because they view the MacEwan bus stop as not on school property.	Security cameras, and better lighting for major transit stations. Dedicated ETS/EPS members at universities. Joint awareness campaign between ETS, EPS, and school security of what incidences are covered by which service. comprehensive security plan for universities involving all	Yes		male	none
5/25/2015 8:25:2 Yes	Yes				Increased transit police. It is rare to see them.				
					Focus less on looking for passengers proof of purchase and instead passenger well being.				
					It was disheartening to see the advertising done about the transit police that communicated that they were checking for proof of purchase in efforts to 'help the community.' Poor communications in my opinion as it should be their main priority to keep us safe and not the organization profitable.	Yes		Male	Transit police patrolling
5/25/2015 18:26: Yes	Yes			Angry passenger		Yes		Male	
5/25/2015 17:19: Yes	Yes			Late at night with belligerent drunks on board		Yes		n/a	Transit Officers & Edmonton Police
				Purely because of previous events in life I get very anxious at night when I'm downtown, so being on the LRT in underground stations just makes me anxious.	I know there are things that could be done. But I don't really know what they are. My issues of anxiety stem from society, and changing that is a little beyond the control of ETS.	Yes		Transgender AFAB	Transit police officers, cameras and surveillance equipment, emergency pull-cords and such.
5/26/2015 0:12:1 Yes	Yes								
5/20/2015 10:21: Yes	Yes			There was legit a creepy clown throwing pebbles at people and getting in our faces. Oh and I have been flashed in transit too. Same night.		Yes		Woman	Cameras
				Several of the buses in and around the Downtown core and North side have many customers that are drunk, aggressive, and harass other riders. One time I was on the bus heading towards Kingsway and there was a man leering at me and attempting to find out where I was headed and what I was doing. Another time I was on the 8 and a man sexually assaulted a young woman during a rush hour period. She immediately stood and moved away from him but no other actions were taken against him.	Drivers should prevent drunk individuals from using public transit if they are acting aggressive or rude. Drivers should also be more aware of uncomfortable situations happening on the bus. Transit police, peace officers, and EPS should have a stronger presence at LRT stations and on bus routes where problems are abundant.	Yes		Woman	I know there are undercover transit police on the buses and LRTs and also security cameras but other than that I don't believe there are other measures to stop problems in progress.
5/25/2015 16:10: Yes	Yes					Yes		Woman	

5/19/2015 21:43: Yes	Yes		I was riding late on the LRT and someone suspicious (to me) got on at Stadium station. Nothing happened, but I still felt jittery. I also find that there are some interesting people lurking around the bus loop at WEM. I've had people come up to me and start talking to me/telling me their story even with standard social cues (hmm, not paying attention, showing disinterest).		Yes			Worst case scenario, the emergency button on the LRT. Safe walk is available for nights except Saturday.
5/25/2015 11:12: Yes	Yes			Constant monitoring on each car and in the underground stations				
5/26/2015 9:49:4 Yes	Yes		A passenger on the bus was under the influence of drugs to the point where he was creating quite the disturbance. He was hissing at other passengers, as well as going right up into other people's faces. It was definitely abnormal behaviour that was not dealt with as soon as it should. It went on for more than 30 minutes where the bus driver didn't seem to care when it was brought to his attention. Although there is an emergency line on LRT's, it would be nice if there were increased security and safety measures on buses. As there are instances where passengers can put other passengers at risk.	Training for bus drivers in the case of a situation where a passenger may endanger other rides. Having on-site and visible security at LRT stations after 9pm	Yes	female	I was not aware that there were any security measures besides a camera now and then.	
5/26/2015 10:30: Yes	Yes		Many countless times. A recent moment was on a crowded morning LRT when I sat across from a man, and his legs sprawled out towards me so that his crotch pointed towards me. I noticed him staring at me. I stared back. He continued to give me a long dead stare. I held out my hands like "what?". He continued to stare into my eyes. Everyone could see what was happening and no one cared. I felt unsafe so I got up and moved to the other side of the compartment.	I don't know. I think the transit users are often the danger.	Yes	female	There are fire escapes.	
5/26/2015 11:37: Yes	Yes		Late at night..	maybe look at Tokyo transit's security measures.	Yes	F	sitting by the driver?	
5/26/2015 12:23: Yes	Yes			More officers.		F	Once in a blue moon, peace officers or transit officers will show up. I've been using ETS for 18 years (I don't drive) and I have only ever seen officers on transit a total of 3 times. I lived in London for a year and saw transit officers FAR more times.	
5/26/2015 18:22: Yes	Yes		In the back of the bus when drunk or rude guys talk to you or other women on the bus.	Make sure weird people or drunk people aren't let on the bus! And if they are, they should not be bothering other people on the bus.	Yes	Female	None	
5/26/2015 23:06: Yes	Yes		Several occasions where drunk individuals are on the train/ bus (once, a man urinated into a bottle on the train; another time, a man sat beside me, reeking of alcohol, trying to talk to me. When I tried to ignore him, he began to nudge me in the knee, touch me on the shoulder, play with my hair, etc.)	I'm really not sure what measures can be taken to reduce this, as it IS public transport. It's open for anyone to use, and it would be unrealistic to closely monitor everyone who steps onto the train. I think it's important that people are aware of the risks, though, and some education on how to deal with these instances wouldn't hurt.	Yes	Female		
5/27/2015 22:53: Yes	Yes		It is almost every single time I ride ETS or am waiting at a transit station - especially at peak hours (when there is a crowd), and later in the evening. For one specific time, about a year and a half ago I was taking the #1 Downtown from West Edmonton Mall at around 10:00 PM after a shift at the store I worked at. The bus, as was typical, was extremely crowded with a large number of people standing. At Jasper Place terminal, quite a large number of people got on the bus, including an individual who was most likely intoxicated as he smelt of alcohol. He sat on the 3 person bench facing the back exit. When my stop came, I had to walk past him to get to the door, and he blocked my way with his legs and proceeded to grab my ass. I pushed him off and got off the bus as quickly as possible because it was not worth it to report (and also not safe or fair for the driver to have to deal with, or other passengers). This situation was also extra uncomfortable because I was 18 or 19 at the time, but could pass for 15 or 16.	Have more Peace Officers present at transit stations, have transit security present at EVERY LRT station and on every train. BOB was a great campaign to do, as is the superhero one for how to behave and not take up too much room, but we should have a campaign directly targeting how to not be perpetuating violence and what consequences are for people who disturb the safety of other passengers. If we want to increase ridership, we have to have it be safer so that drivers and passengers aren't just avoiding the unsafe person on the bus. We also can't target a specific group (which I have seen done far too often) - it is not just, for example, Indigenous men and homeless individuals who are causing safety concerns.	Yes	cis-woman	talking to drivers, ETS investigators, Peace Officers, transit security, calling control	

5/20/2015 8:12:3	Yes	No			The biggest danger for me, isn't coming from another passenger, but from the environment we live in. One of the only problems I've encountered with ETS has been how erratic the bus schedule can be (late buses, cancelled buses), and when you're waiting for a bus and it's -30 degrees outside, those late or cancelled buses can pose a real threat to your health/safety.	Yes		Female	Honestly, I'm not really aware of any, with the exception of the occasional transit officer.
5/20/2015 17:27:	Yes	No			- more accessible panic buttons, throughout train - more information about security services - education for young people about transit safety - reaching out to university and high school students to create safety programs	Yes		female	- panic button? - security blue phones - security guards - 311 and emergency numbers - bus drivers/train drivers
5/25/2015 11:27:	Yes	No		No I've always felt safe, if there is any unusual situations its usually just drunk people late at night on the bus or something but they never have bothered me.	I would say not to have a security personnel on the bus because it would make the atmosphere of riding a bus too serious and strict and busses get packed full of people everyday and the security person will have to endure that as well. Maybe something that would work is maybe some sort of person at each bus terminal, not sure how it would work, but maybe that we knew someone was always at the terminal for assistance because late at night there is nobody at the terminal, you could be the last person waiting on a Tuesday night or something at 12 am waiting for your last bus and the terminal is empty. I know for extreme measures where if you miss all the buses and you're still at the bus terminal (waiting for a taxi) there will be an ETS person that comes and makes sure everything is alright. Perhaps someone that would work just in the evening, I'm not sure the statistics on complaints during the day but I think that its more in the evening that situations where people feel unsafe happen.	Yes		Female	Using camera surveillance, those help buttons, the bus driver being able to call for help
5/25/2015 15:17:	Yes	No			U of A's Safewalk	Yes		Female	
5/25/2015 15:21:	Yes	No			More transit officers on trains and platforms especially in the downtown area	Yes		Female	Emergency buttons on LRTs, transit officials patrolling stations, cameras on platforms, phone numbers to call
5/25/2015 16:41:	Yes	No		Riding the bus alone after a evening class at 1030 at night.	Have a help cord or button available and easy to access when needed	Yes		Female	Not many, but go up to the front on the bus and talk to the driver.
5/26/2015 0:06:1	Yes	No				Yes		female	None
5/19/2015 17:16:	Yes	No		I have felt somewhat anxious riding the bus late at night, but I have not felt truly unsafe. I believe if I was not a white male, however, there would be situations on the bus in which I would not feel safe.	Better lighting in the buses, improve the timeliness of the buses so that people are not waiting at stops for as long, especially in the winter and late at night, an emergency phone on the bus.	Yes		Male	Other than calling an emergency response number or talking to the driver I only know of the emergency stop lever above the door.
5/19/2015 17:20:	Yes	No			Cameras?	Yes		male	Emergency call button & safe walk.
5/19/2015 21:38:	Yes	No				Yes		Male	safe walk, Transit security line, cameras, driver alert
5/21/2015 14:41:	Yes	No		Just once I was going home from school and a drunk girl was annoying me and tried to touch me, but I just moved.	Put more light in some bus stops for winter because it is dark and sometimes lonely, so you feel quite unsafe.	Yes		male	None
5/25/2015 18:27:	Yes	No				Yes		Male	
5/25/2015 22:44:	Yes	No						Male	Peace Officers occasionally on LRT and at Bus stations
5/20/2015 22:31:	Yes	No			More Peace officers on the system and at each station would make it more safer.				Security cameras in trains and stations, help phones at all transit facilities
5/26/2015 10:15:	Yes	No				Yes		Female	None
5/19/2015 22:44:	Yes	N/A			I feel like the hands free cards are a must we gotta evolve like Toronto and asia	Yes		Female	

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 14 , 2016

4:00 pm

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Victoria Dejong (Chair)		Y
Michael Sandare		Y
Franchesca El Ghossein		Y
Marina Banister		Y
Sandy Brophy		Y
Frederique Ndatirwa		Y
Delane Howie		Y
Kyle Monda		Y
Reed Larsen		Y

MINUTES (PC 2016-09)

2016-09/1 INTRODUCTION

2016-09/1a **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm.

2016-09/1b **Approval of Agenda**

DEJONG/GHOSSEIN moved to approve the agenda for February 14, 2016 as is.

Vote 8/0/0

CARRIED

2016-09/1c

Approval of Minutes

DEJONG/BANISTER move to tables minutes to next Policy Committee meeting.

Vote 9/0/0

CARRIED

2016-09/1d

Chair's Business

2016-09/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-09/2a

Meeting Schedule

DEJONG: I like having meetings on off-council weeks as that gives us time to bring it to Council. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, February 28th after reading week. I would just propose that move our next meeting to be the next Tuesday following that so March 7th.

SANDARE: How many policies do we have left to go through that expire this term and how many weeks of council?

DEJONG: I believe we have four policies and we have four weeks of council.

BANISTER: There won't be quorum if Policy meets on March 7th due to five members on leave of absence during elections.

BROPHY: I am also unable.

DEJONG: I really do want to have a meeting that week. We are going to call a meeting on Friday, March 10th.

BANISTER: Election party will be at 6PM.

LARSEN: Also, Council Meet and Greet will be that day from 12PM to 3PM.

DEJONG: Are people available at 11AM?

Councillors agree.

DEJONG: We will be calling a Policy Committee meeting from 11AM to 12PM on Friday March 10th, and are next meeting following that will be 4pm on March 21st.

2016-09/3b

Public Transit Policy Review

DEJONG: This is one of the policies that expire this term. Does anyone have any comments they would like to make?

BROPHY: A problem one of my constituents ran into last summer while they were working at University was that they couldn't get any sort of pass. As they were not taking classes, they couldn't get a upass. And they couldn't get any sort of transit passes like other employees do who aren't students. It would be nice if there was something in there for employees who are also students to have access to transit passes.

DEJONG: That is reasonable.

MONDA: You can get a upass if you add a class, then drop it.

BROPHY: There generally aren't summer classes for law students to do that plus I don't think it's fair for students to have to go through a work around like that.

MONDA: Yeah, I agree with that.

HOWIE: So, employees of the Students' Union have access to getting a upass?

BROPHY: Students who are considered casual employees of the university even though they work full time during that summer don't have access to anything that would normally be duplicated by a member of the SU. So, because they are two classes around the thing, they aren't eligible for the upass but , they also aren't available for the transit passes that other University employees are. I got an email about this last summer.

GHOSSEIN: I'm all for it but it all comes down to the contract that we have with the City of Edmonton. As far as I know, there is no such stipulation in the contract that we have right now so we might have to ask the University to do something about it.

BROPHY: Yeah, the policy is to do with transit so I don't think everything in the policy has to aimed at actors. I am talking about an idea aimed at the University to says this needs to change and would could fit under the policy unless that is another policy concerning student transit where it might fit better under.

GHOSSEIN: So, just to clarify for my own safety because I'm going to be going to upass meetings so we are directing that towards the university, correct?

BROPHY: Correct.

GHOSSEIN: So, in my mind, those students wouldn't receive a upass but receive the transit passes other employees receive.

BROPHY: Yeah, I'm saying the university should give those student employees the same benefit other employees receive.

MONDA: Can we do that?

BROPHY: Yeah, it's about asking the university for these things.

GHOSSEIN: We do get request for example, extending gym memberships when a students' academic year ends in May. We just need to advocate.

DEJONG: That's definitely a gap that the SU should be trying to fill. Does anybody have anything else they'd like to add?

MONDA: I think we need to put more about safety in the this policy because a lot of students feel unsafe using public transit in the Edmonton area. Currently, it kinda addresses that in the first principle/facts we should have more about that students feel unsafe on transit. We also have a lot of data to back that up since the Edmonton Students' Association did a survey, and it's something that our advocacy efforts can be better on.

DEJONG: Yeah, I think we're all in agreement about that. So, students summer casual employees and safety on transit are two gaps we've identified. Let's go through it point by point and see if what we want to be changed. Looking at the policy, it looks good to me but I wanted to open that out to everyone so let me know. This is kinda too much for us to hash out today.

SANDARE: For changes we can make, when we look at this again. The upass have been expanded to regional municipalities. So for resolution point 4, I think we can just use that as all upass users as a whole.

BROPHY: I not sure what that change would be as that seems to be the point anyway.

SANDARE: Yeah, definitely not a huge change but just pointing out the fact that we are under one system now as opposed to before.

BROPHY: The thing is yes, we're all under the upass but each figures out their own routes and such independently. It's not like we're just dealing with one system. They're still independent groups.

GHOSSEIN: In my mind, it also has to be expanded to leduc and others. If you live on a farm,

DEJONG: If there aren't any more comment, so if I heard right we have these three items to add. Is there anyone who is interested in doing a review of the policy for the next committee meeting?

GHOSSEIN: I can do that. I can put it in a google doc so that other can see the changes and also add in stuff.

DEJONG: Great, so that will be for the next meeting.

2016-09/3c

Tuition Policy Review

HOWIE: So tuition is very challenging since after talking about it constituents, people have a lot of opinions on it but it has to be renewed. I'm trying to figure out if we go for something really strong or if we kinda renew most/all of what's there and leave it until next time. I'm not sure what to do since some want to redo the whole the policy and specify \$0 tuition with a roadmap to nothing. And then, there are others who want to consider the other side and where I personally stand is not important because when you're looking at the review, it needs to work for everyone. So, I'm very open to anyone's thoughts on how to do this.

BROPHY: So, I found an argument that refutes what I was saying last time we were talking about this. In jurisdictions, where they do have \$0 tuition, it reduces the number of spots which then creates a huge access issue because when you reduce spots, it all becomes more competitive. Then, students from wealthier backgrounds who can afford something like a tutor to get better grades and get into university. So, I'm definitely on board with saying \$0 tuition is probably not the best idea but defiantly controls on tuition. Resolution #3, I think needs the most work because there are times when a tuition increase will be better than cutting service i.e. market modifier fiasco.

HOWIE: Exactly, I added to resolution #3 discussing that. So, I added "except for when students are benefited directly."

SANDARE: On the point of resolution #3, as the Students' Union, we need to be looking at this as a holistic perspective. We did implement things in Bylaw about ways to go against political policy. I think that we should continue to say that we will work towards reduction. I disagree with \$0 tuition in there for reasons of accessibility and I echo Councillor Brophy's point earlier that is we have \$0 tuition then we would have fewer spaces. We are creating a system much less equitable and

excluding from the system groups that are marginalized and already having difficulty accessing the system anyways. So, I think that's one of the biggest groups we should be thinking of. I support saying that we'll work toward reduction, knowing that if there is a reason that one of the faculties believes that it will be better for them to have an increase in tuition than they are able to run a referendum and go through the approved structures.

HOWIE: So, in your opinion, we don't change the policy and leave it as in?

SANDARE: Yes, because there is also the future ready consultation that is happening right now. So, my assumption is that in the next two years the Government of Alberta will be making changes to tuition models. That is something we should be looking for rather than making changes. We should leave it as in now with us working towards reduction then depending on what happens with the future ready program, then we can make changes.

HOWIE: I would be in favor with renewing it just as is since looking it over there isn't anything in the facts that is a blank hole. Everything seems to stand up to what I've learnt about it.

NDATIRWA: I think in terms of point #3, I would feel a bit awkward leaving it as we wouldn't support increase in tuition. If students support the increase and we also agree with it, us putting that we would not support the increase is a bit weird.

SANDARE: We could make a point that we will not support increasing tuition and work towards reduction with a point underneath it saying unless a faculty association were to reun the mechanism.

MONDA: It already says that in bylaw so I don't think it's necessary to put that in the policy unless we want to change the whole resolution of point 3.

BROPHY: Just because we have the mechanism for the faculty associations to deviate from the policy doesn't mean we should have keeping the SU bound by this resolution as written because ideally, it would be nice for the SU to back up any FA's that want to make that move, also if the SU might support a tuition increase. It offers the SU more flexibility as an organization if the policy written here is more flexible. Having a true united front would be ideal.

GHOSSSEIN: It's not that I'm tied to the policy as now, it's just as the SU we have to hold a bird's eye view. And I think, we would be hesitate to supporting any kind of tuition increase, at least publicly and to the

Government even if a FA supports it. We're facing different opinions on \$0 or less and us coming at that by saying we might ask for more is not what we want.

BROPHY: Right now, we have it as we'll work towards a reduction of tuition increase. There's a difference between saying we'll advocate against higher tuition and binding us to saying we'll actively fight against it. I'd like some flexibility and binding us to saying we'll actively fight against it is a bit of a problem.

LARSEN: I'm of the opinion of VP Ghossein. Also, the way that this is worded ensures that we work towards reductions and also get maximum value for any increase. We'll work towards reduction of any increase doesn't mean we'll oppose any increase but that we'll work towards reductions so that we get the value on that increase. As far as changing it, I would only see a change if it said \$0 tuition.

BANISTER: I am fine with it just as it is. I brought this up to faculty associations at COFA and they all thought we should leave it just as it is.

Councillors agree to renew it as is.

DEJONG: How does everyone feel about bringing the first principles to Council?

HOWIE/SANDARE move to bring the Tuition Policy to council.

VOTE 9/0/0

CARRIED

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

HOWIE/BANISTER moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote 9/0/0

CARRIED

2016-09/5a

Next Meeting: March 10, 2017 at 4PM.

2016-09/5b

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
<i>DEJONG/GHOSSEIN moved to approve the agenda for February 14, 2016 as is.</i>	<i>Vote 9/0/0 CARRIED</i>
<i>DEJONG/BANISTER move to tables minutes to next Policy Committee meeting.</i>	<i>Vote 9/0/0 CARRIED</i>
<i>HOWIE/SANDARE move to bring the Tuition Policy to council.</i>	<i>VOTE 9/0/0 CARRIED</i>
<i>HOWIE/BANISTER moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>Vote 9/0/0 CARRIED</i>