

University of Alberta Students' Union

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday April 04, 2017 4:00 pm SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Victoria DeJong (Chair)		Y
Reed Larsen		Ν
Delane Howie		Y
Kyle Monda		Y
Alexander Brophy		Y
Fredrique Ndatrirwa	Ben Angus	Y
Marina Banister		Y
Mike Sandare		Ν
Francesca El Ghossein		Y
Fahim Rahman		Ν
Brandon Prochnau		Y

MINUTES (PC 2016-12)

- 2016-12/1 <u>INTRODUCTION</u>
- 2016-12/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

2016-12/1b Approval of Agenda

GHOSSEIN/HOWIE moved to approve the agenda 7/0/0, CARRIED

2016-12/1c Approval of Minutes

HOWIE/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes 6/0/1, CARRIED (ANGUS abstained)

2016-12/1d Chair's Business

DEJONG

Want the committee's opinion about what should be included in the Transition Report; it will be for the next year's committee to look at;

GHOSSEIN

Said that consultation process needs to be talked about; small changes are needed and questions remain about how do we go about the process; we need to be able to consult individually and also as a committee;

Mentioned that DEJONG can forward the Student Participation Protocol, it is something on which the SU worked on with the University and SU spent a lot of time on it and the university spent money was spent on it; it will be developed into a framework for different stages of consultation (e.g. to bring something to someone, like an information item; or to incorporate their feedback and make them a partner in different stages of consultation); if we are asking the university to follow that protocol, which we are, then we should as well and should also follow the potential policy on it so that it is consistent;

DEJONG

Said that if it is the transition document from last week

2016-12/2a <u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>

Internationalization Policy Second Reading

DEJONG

Mentioned that there is feedback from outgoing ISA president, and they said that the policy was good, and better than the overall the old version of policy; Mentioned Ilya (who is a visitor to the meeting); said that the current version of policy is for lobbying to federal government for international student for multiple entry visas now and it is not needed because international students do get multiple entry visas; about grandfathering tuition fees and we added that, and on issues about jobs in private companies for international students that are only for permanent residents and citizens nothing can be done and there can no policies about that;

GHOSSEIN

Mentioned that they have to be fields of work in which one is specialized

DEJONG

Said that there is no time to do that research about different fields at the moment; Mentioned that she deleted point 9 about multiple entry visas, and added point 15, which is advocacy goals

MONDA

Mentioned about uncertainty regarding the types of reports that are needed

ANGUS Asked if they can be specific about the wording

DEJONG

Said that she has the demographic information in that report

BROPHY

Asked what information was used in 2011

DEJONG

Said that it was not available because it was a government study, which is no more available

GHOSSEIN Asked if the committee is trying to use that information in its advocacy

DEJONG

Said that they don't know about the state of international students, particularly their stay after their completion of studies

HOWIE

Demographic info is collected by ISO but it is for their recruitment purpose

GHOSSEIN

Said that they do have information sharing ISO One is for accessing fees and the other is for communicating objectives

BROPHY

Asked if there is any data from 2011, and mentioned that it will good to know like what percent of student is international

MONDA

Said that 5800 international Undergraduate Students were in 2015 and 2016 and

they came from 143 countries

BROPHY

Said that they can fix that, and lot of small faculties don't have that high percentage

DEJONG Asked how about having that in point 15

BROPHY

Said that they can say that in public reports as statistics referred to in fact sections

MONDA

Asked if there is any information about demographics makes sense

DEJONG

Asked GHOSSEIN how about switching from regular to annual reporting

GHOSSEIN

Replied by asking if they are interested in knowing the number of international students in certain faculties

HOWIE

Asked if they staying for the whole program or going back to another school

ANGUS

Mentioned that "demographics" is not right because it would not give information about number of students in science, for e.g.

BROPHY

Said that transfer credit issues and issues other than tuition are affected

DEJONG

Said that some of the information is like number of international students transitioning from temporary to permanent resident status is known by government and not by the university; questioned if a lot of international students lost that way; and said that it is the type of information that gives more data to targeting the committee's advocacy

GHOSSEIN

Said that it will be good if the government is asked for information, and she doesn't know how to prioritize that; asked if they should ask the university what to have, so that it is easier for them; and said that the ISA has to be really explicit;

HOWIE

Mentioned that ISA has the info about transition programs

GHOSSEIN

Said that people will have information to share with the committee, retention rates are a good idea, and breakdown of students in each faculty is also a good

MONDA

Asked if with demographics they can ask for specific info

DEJONG

Said that they go with the current wording; and asked if everyone is fine with points 3 and 4

MONDA

Said that point 3 is a no-brainer, and he is not sure of point 4; council is against grandfathering of tuition, all international students pay same rate for tuition; and there is a big division between international and domestic students and therefore further stratification should be avoided by further division

GHOSSEIN

Said that it seems to be like a disagreement between what they are asking because individuals within ISA think differently, and if there are discrepancies they can check with them

HOWIE

Said that predictability could lead to grandfathering of fees, and so it is good to talk to ISA

BROPHY

Mentioned that it is unfair to people coming

DEJONG

Said that we are to name a stakeholder and point out and add a resolution 16 - advocacy will be done in consultation with ISA and SU; and it includes stakeholders and will be good to include that; good to strike off points 4 and have 3 (said she did that)

Motion:

DEJONG

DEJONG/BROPHY move to approve Internationalization Policy Second Reading as amended 6/0/1, CARRIED (MONDA abstained)

Public Transit Policy Second Reading

2016-12/2b

Said that there are 5 points in public transit policy, and asked if they should add

anything to the discussion

MONDA Said that in council they discussed a one-year expiry of it to one year instead of 3 years

DEJONG Said that they can add an editorial in the website

MONDA Said that they can add that in council

DEJONG Agreed to do that in council; and the only thing is that we don't have a resolution on student safety

GHOSSEIN Said that someone asked that and they can isolate the safety point

DEJONG Suggested going resolution by resolution

Read out the agenda #1

2 is good with everyone

3 is good with everyone

Said that in 4 it is good to have "SmartCard"

5, good with everyone

ANGUS Suggested moving Smart Card to 3 and 3 to 4

<u>Motion:</u> HOWIE/ANGUS move to approve Public Transit Policy Second Reading 7/0/0, CARRIED

Scholarships and Bursaries Policy Second Reading

2016-12/2c

DEJONG Suggested drop 4 and adding 2

Motion:

GHOSSEIN/HOWIE move to amend Scholarships and Bursaries Policy Second Reading as amended

7/0/0, CARRIED

GHOSSEIN

Said that she wants to know international students approached us about scholarships and bursaries

DEJONG

Mentioned that one thing is that all scholarships are not offered to international students

(MARINA BANISTER joined)

BANISTER Talked to people in people and they are not favourable about it

MONDA Asked if it is that reflective of first principle, then

(no is the answer)

DEJONG

Said that it is a great idea but we should not throw it in without much consideration

Motion: DEJONG/HOWIE move the approve Scholarships and Bursaries Policy Second Reading as amended 8/0/0, CARRIED

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

none

2016-12/3

2016-12/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

This is last meeting of policy committee

2016-12/5 <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

BROPHY/HOWIE move to adjourn the meeting All in favour, CARRIED

2016-12/5a	Next Meeting:
	In two weeks

2016-12/5b Meeting adjourned at 4.46 pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

ΜΟΤΙΟΝ	VOTES
GHOSSEIN/HOWIE moved to approve the agenda	7/0/0, CARRIED
HOWIE/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes	7/0/1, CARRIED
DEJONG/BROPHY move to approve Internationalization Policy Second Reading as amended	7/0/0, CARRIED
HOWIE/ANGUS move to approve Public Transit Policy Second Reading	7/0/0, CARRIED
GHOSSEIN/HOWIE move to amend Scholarships and Bursaries Policy Second Reading as amended	7/0/0, CARRIED
DEJONG/HOWIE move the approve Scholarships and Bursaries Policy Second Reading as amended	8/0/0, CARRIED
BROPHY/HOWIE move to adjourn the meeting	8/0/0, CARRIED