

# POLICY COMMITTEE

# Thursday September 26, 2016 9:00 pm SUB 6-06

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

# **MINUTES (PC 2016-07)**

**2016-04/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2016-04/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am

2016-04/1b Approval of Agenda

EL GHOSSEIN/LARSEN moved to approve the agenda

7/0/0, CARRIED

## 2016-04/1c Approval of Minutes

BANISTER/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes 7/0/0, CARRIED

2016-04/1d Chair's Business

2016-04/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-04/3 <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>

**2016-04/3a** Sexual Violence Policy Second Principles

#### **GHOSSEIN**

On one or two points - everything is being done by the steering committee. If I was in the committee, I would be doing the same. There has to be things done by the bigger committee like the way they write policy. If something is obvious, we want to go ahead and change things, and it is the process of creating policy.

## DEJONG

Sought clarifications about expectations from it.

## **BROPHY**

Mentioned that it is obvious because these are established in the paper.

## **GHOSSEIN**

Pointed out that in number 4, it was the recommendation to hold them accountable, we want to make sure of that. In terms of more funding in number 6, we want the university to take a certain role.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

Pointed out Number 14, and said that justice is notorious in not having certain tools in the Sexual Assault Center

## BROPHY

Said that the Sexual Assault Center caters to a wide variety of feelings.

#### DEIONG

It can be a option of the harassed.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

This is not specifically sexual assault but sexual violence.

#### DEJONG

University provides options for students who have experienced sexual violence.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

If the Sexual Assault Center wants these, they should have something for people who have been found guilty.

#### LARSEN

Agreed that it provides options.

## **HOWIE**

Mentioned that it says restorative justice provides options.

#### **DEJONG**

Mentioned that there is nothing written about survivor's choice. Questioned as to what happens to the guilty if decided by another office in the university.

#### **HOWIE**

Mentioned that victims should be involved in the punitive process.

#### **BANISTER**

Suggested adding a section, 14a, adding in restorative justice

## DEJONG

Asked if the committee has to add all the resolutions?

## **GHOSSEIN**

Not for 14a.

## **GHOSSEIN**

Said that there can be disclosure and complains. If somebody complains, university investigates and follows a procedure, but if somebody discloses information, there is nothing that is done and there is no process. The university does not restrict their rights like keeping them out of certain classrooms. Official disclosure is a disclosure information to an officer in the university.

## DEJONG

Mentions that disclosing to a friend is an unofficial disclosure and disclosure to an university official or the police is an official disclosure.

## **GHOSSEIN**

If they get anonymous information, that could start the process and restrictive justice. Right now, we are saying that restorative justice is the onus of the survivor, but it should not be imposed on the survivor.

#### **BROPHY**

Putting that as an aspiration kind of thing will be good.

#### HOWIE

Asked if instead of saying that it is the option to survivor, could they say that it is the option of all parties involved? Interested in having more than just the survivor included in this.

## **DEJONG**

Providing options to the survivor does not exclude others.

#### BANISTER

Said that they want to be cognizant of this fact.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

Said that the disciplinary officer should take into account about how the survivor will want to move forward.

## **DEJONG**

We don't have to approve or disapprove any thing concerning the Principles, but she wanted to talk about the policy.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

If we are going to take this back to SAC, we can leave it for now.

## **DEJONG**

Said that, going back into the agenda item, she wanted to ask a few things. Said that in Point 3, she named people who are disproportionately affected by sexual violence, and asked if that should be included, given that it does not go against First Principles.

#### BROPHY

It is not like bylaw and is not published

### BANISTER

Said that, in general she would like policies to remain general.

#### DEIONG

Said that she is of the opinion that they don't need it, and she will take it out. Asked that in point 5, can "especially" be changed to "targeted"?

#### LARSEN

Suggested that they keep it as is.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

Point number 6 is general.

## DEJONG

Says that number 6 will be taken out. Are we ok with keeping point 7?

Councillors agree to include point 7.

#### DE IONG

Mentioned that Point 10 is redundant because no one can go to request people in classroom. Therefore, disclosure is not enough and changing to "make it easier for survivors" is good. That's more anecdotal and she doesn't have more papers to back up. The way to do that is to just say yes.

#### **GHOSSEIN**

Said that you want to be really specific, and say that disclosure should be enough for survivors to get accommodations.

## DEJONG

Said that she is okay with "making it easier".

#### BANISTER

Mentioned that she doesn't want the word "easier" written.

#### **SANDARE**

The word "request" is not right.

## **DEJONG**

How about going to the sexual assault center (SAC) and getting more feedback? Mentioned that that Policy now has a monthly schedule, and asked how about meeting biweekly?

Some councillors expressed conflicts and inability to attend biweekly meetings. Councillor Monda entered the meeting.

## **Review of Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Political Policy**

#### DE IONG

What should we do about mandatory instructional fees?

## 2016-04/3b

#### GHOSSEIN

Change is about mentoring. That reporting about 2015 and 2016 is going to be mandatory and she can get the committee a copy of terms of references.

#### **SANDARE**

Said that if he finds anything on cost fee then he will send that out.

## 2016-04/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

**DEJONG** 

Asked councillors if she missed anything that they need to talk about. Mentioned that she will go in the whatsapp conversation and would ask if anyone has any conflicts for bi-weekly meetings.

# **2016-04/5 ADJOURNMENT**

LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting

8/0/0, CARRIED

**2016-04/5a Next Meeting:** Monday, October 31, 2016 at 9:00 am.

**2016-04/5b** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

# **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
EL GHOSSEIN/LARSEN moved to approve the agenda	7/0/0, CARRIED
BANISTER/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes	7/0/0, CARRIED
LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting	8/0/0, CARRIED