University of Alberta Students' Union



## POLICY COMMITTEE

## Thursday October 31, 2016 9:00 am SUB 6-06

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

## MINUTES (PC 2016-05)

- 2016-05/1 <u>INTRODUCTION</u>
- 2016-05/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:08 am

#### 2016-05/1b Approval of Agenda

GHOSSEIN/LARSEN moved to approve the agenda

7/0/0, CARRIED

- 2016-05/1cApproval of MinutesBANISTER/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes<br/>7/0/0, CARRIED
- 2016-05/1d Chair's Business
- 2016-05/2 <u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>
- 2016-05/3 <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>

#### 2016-05/3a Second Reading of the Sexual Violence Policy

#### DEJONG

Mentioned that because of concern of misuse, Point # 14 was revised appropriately. Called on further debate on it.

BROPHY Appreciated the user-friendliness of Point # 14.

SANDARE Asked if it can be changed from "how it is used" versus "how it can be used."

DEJONG Replied that student-body can be educated about it can be used.

BANISTER Gave the example of gym users, and said that they can do things like obtaining permission to use TV messages in the gym.

#### DEJONG

Mentioned that there is no limit of examples of how student-body can be educated.

#### LARSEN

Said that the messages are not only concerns resident sorority and fraternity, and they are for the sake of the information

#### GHOSSEIN

Mentioned that it is good to have a specific body to respond to sexual violence, such as a coordinator.

#### BANISTER

Pointed out a question about Point # 2, which is: Should it be "consult students, student union"?

Mentioned that the Student Union implies official student body and so students are not excluded from the process.

Raised another question: In Point # 8, why is only emotional and academic support mentioned and not mental support? Would like to see it state mental, physical, emotional, and academic support.

#### GHOSSEIN

Replied that in terms of housing and academic, it is already implied.

#### DEJONG

Said that it is psychological support and the University of Alberta provides housing and accommodation.

(More than one attendee asked what does physical support means)

(NDATRIRWA joined the meeting)

#### BROPHY

One thing to change is "report officially" or not.

(Attendees look into Google doc.)

(MONDA joined the meeting)

#### DEJONG

Mentioned that edits are suggested in Google doc, which was shared with everyone in the committee before. Asked if everyone got that link and mentioned that it is a little easier to see the changes.

#### MONDA

Asked about Point # 11: What happens if they are both in the same program and both are in the class they need to attend in order to graduate?

#### DEJONG

Replied that the SU will provide reasonable accommodation for the students to graduate.

#### BANISTER

Added that accommodation is not necessarily removing one person in order for the other person to stay in the class.

#### BROPHY

Said that typically how the committee should think is to remove the perpetrator from class, but the committee can think of something with non-punitive measures, and that there are good examples.

#### BANISTER

Said that it can some sort of accommodation and may not have the word "reasonable." BANISTER also asked: In Point # 9 and 11, don't we say the same?

#### **BROPHY and DEJONG**

Agree that they are the same and suggest cutting point 11

#### BANISTER

Asked if some sort of disclaimer for accommodation is needed

#### GHOSSEIN

Said that she is reading Point # 11 and it can be tricky by talking only about students and so they should keep it as more general, and that way staff members can also be held accountable if found guilty.

#### DEJONG

Said that it would be like adding "including the SU" and that Points #s 8 and 9 are split.

Also, mentioned that Point # 13 is to educate the student-body about alcohol.

#### BROPHY

Said that there can be a lot of arguments as always.

(Attendees chatted about adequacy of funding)

#### LARSEN

Pointed out that "adequate" or "sufficient" is always based on something.

GHOSSEIN Agreed that it does depend on something

PROCHNAU Said that there is always a need for more but there should be mention of what money is needed for.

#### MONDA

Asked if the committee could word it like "funding based on usage or need."

SANDARE What about sufficiency funding to improve services ?

BROPHY Agreed with SANDARE

BANISTER Asked what is correct, "sufficient" or "appropriate" funding?

(After discussion, "Sufficient" was the answer from the more than one attendee)

#### MONDA

Asked if the committee wants to have anything specifically written for the Augustana campus?

#### DEJONG

Said that she would like to but did not have anything, but sexual assault support services are universal.

(Attendees chatted about Point # 7)

# DEJONG / BANISTER moved to approve the second reading of the sexual violence policy as amended.

9/0/0, Carried (All in favour)

2016-05/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-05/5	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
	LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting 9/0/0, CARRIED	
2016-05/5a	Next Meeting: To be decided	

**2016-05/5b** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

ΜΟΤΙΟΝ	VOTES
GHOSSEIN/LARSEN moved to approve the agenda	7/0/0, CARRIED
BANISTER/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes	7/0/0, CARRIED
DEJONG / BANISTER moved to approve the second reading of the sexual violence policy as amended	9/0/0, CARRIED
LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting	9/0/0, CARRIED