



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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 2017-05)**

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| <b>2017-05/1</b>  | <b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>   |
| <b>2017-05/1a</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>   |
| <b>2017-05/1b</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>  |
| <b>2017-05/1c</b> | <b>Approval of Minutes</b>   |
| <b>2017-05/1d</b> | <b>Chair's Business</b>  |
| <b>2017-05/2</b>  | <b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b>   |
| <b>2017-05/2a</b> | Engagement Framework Policy Proposal from Councillor Howell  |
| <b>2017-05/3</b>  | <b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>   |
| <b>2017-05/3a</b> | Student Financial Assistance Policy Renewal - First Principles   |
| <b>2017-05/3b</b> | Deferred Maintenance Policy Renewal  |
| <b>2017-05/3c</b> | Fall Semester Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● September 11, 2017 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.</li><li>● October 16, 2017 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.</li><li>● November 20 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.</li><li>● December 11, 2017 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.</li></ul> |
| <b>2017-05/4</b>  | <b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>  |
| <b>2017-05/4a</b> | PC-2017-04 Meeting Minutes   |

See PC 2017-05.01

**2017-05/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2017-05/5a**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30PM in SUB 6-06.



University of Alberta Students' Union

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday July 17, 2017**

**6:30 pm**

**SUB 6-06**

### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Sandy Brophy		N	Y
Daren Choi		Y	
Delaine Howie (CHAIR)		Y	
Nathan Sunday		N	Y
Haley Lefferson		Y	
Alannah Piasecki		Y	
Reid Larsen		Y	
Ilya Ushakov		Y	
Shane Scott		Y	

### **MINUTES (PC 2017-5)**

**2017-05/1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**2017-05/1a**

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6.31 pm

2017-05/1b

**Approval of Agenda**

PIASECKI/SCOTT moved to approve the agenda  
7/0/0, CARRIED

2017-05/1c

**Approval of Minutes**

LEFFERSON

Mentioned that the minutes make it “she” when referring to PIASECKI

CHOI/LARSEN moved to approve the minutes with amendment  
7/0/0, CARRIED

2017-05/1d

**Chair’s Business**

**Student Financial Assistance Policy Renewal**

HOWIE

Mentioned that it is Students Financial Assistance Policy Renewal and called upon VP Larsen to describe it

LARSEN

Said that most of it is pretty good expect a few specific things expect for a few facts; Mentioned that “education” is good, and they can still can do it, expect that it is a fact; Added that cost to university is increased and has continued to increase;

Indicated that in #9, it is mentioned that high costs have discouraged students to seek employment, and that is taken out;

Mentioned upfront grant, and said that it is like what is in on the web, is more upfront and doesn’t have to be paid back over time, and one can get grant or loan along with the same from the province;

Said that the next one is Current Needs-based Award, and they have added tax credit system; and are trying to see if tax credit can be related to grants so that students get grants on-time and that helps in their full-time position

(Asked for inputs)

About "resolutions", mentioned that he changed the number of needs based awards; and made the structure a little bit broader, and it can talk about more things than financial things; Also mentioned that the biggest change is under 2, where he added two points that John edited; Said that the real value indicates that it reflects CPI, and means that University has to increase API;

Under C, mentioned that, it is indicated that there is an increase the number of available awards so as to increase the ratio of awards to students

Mentioned that for the last one, he edited the word "diverse" twice (asked for question)

HOWIE

Asked clarification about real value of awards, and specifically what is "real"

LARSEN

Mentioned that real value is the ordinary money value and not just the documented value

HOWIE

Replied that "real" seems subjective, and the need is for the actual dollar amount to increase; Asked if in that sense they would want to the actual monetary value to increase

CHOI

Asked how would the university or province interpret the term real versus monetary value

LARSEN

Suggested to use the term "monetary", which will address it

(all agreed)

SCOTT

Mentioned that diverse background and diverse skills supports the idea but it means diverse educational background

LARSEN

Said that it is in context of donors

SCOTT

Suggested that background and skills can also be used

HOWIE

Proposed to use the word intent

LARSEN

Said that overall the policy hasn't changed drastically but just a few things have changed; and that there are a couple of SFA experts in office, like John and Josh

HOWIE

Asked if LARSEN did anything that requires changes before it goes to council

LARSEN

Replied that it is mostly editorial, and only B and C are changed a bit

HOWIE

Said that Political Policy, when changed significantly, has to go through First and Second Readings in council and the cycles; and the cycles have to pass; however, if the changes are not significant new directions, then they can say that changes are upon recommendation of the Policy Committee;

LEFFERSON

Said that he noticed that in the one placed under resolution, there is no dash

CHOI

Indicated a few minor grammatical issues;

LEFFERSON

In some cases, it is placed and it says "merit-based" and in others it says "merit based"

HOWIE

Said that it is in 11

LEFFERSON

Pointed out that it also in 1-13

LARSEN

Asked in, C, is "aboriginal students" the correct term

SCOTT

Said that it is

**Motion**

LARSEN/PIASECKI moved to approve the Renewal the Student Finance Assistance Policy as-amended

7/0/0 carried

HOWIE

Thanked all, and said that It will presented in council

2017-05/2

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2017-05/2a

**Policy Renewal Check-ins**

HOWIE

Said that she has updated from Nathan write-up about international students access, and it will come up in one of the agendas; Added that councillors Brophy did not submit a formal comment on that specifically and he is still waiting for some consultation

CHOI

Mentioned that it is only a week and nothing is done yet

SCOTT

Said that he had only a first reading

LEFFERSON

Said that hasn't started

PIASECKI

Mentioned that she hasn't started

HOWIE

Asked all to let her know whenever their respective renewals are complete

2017-05/2b

**Proposed Fall Meeting Schedule**

- **Monday September 11th**
- **Monday October 9th**
- **Monday November 6th (early because of Fall Reading Week)**
- **Monday December 11th**

HOWIE

Suggested 5 pm as the time

Asked if 5 pm is fine for all?

(All agreed with 5 pm)

Added that she will check with Sunday and Brophy if 5 pm works for them

Also asked if everyone okay with moving the October meeting to second of the month

(All are okay)

Asked if for November meeting, the week after on the 20th of November is okay  
 (All agreed)  
 Mentioned that she will make those updates and make sure that they are in the next agenda

- 2017-05/3            **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**  
 none
- 2017-05/4            **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2017-05/5            **ADJOURNMENT**
- 2017-05/5a          **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 31 at 6.30 pm
- 2017-05/5b          Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
PIASECKI/SCOTT moved to approve the agenda	7/0/0, CARRIED
CHOI/LARSEN moved to approve the minutes with amendment	7/0/0, CARRIED
LARSEN/PIASECKI moved to approve the Renewal the Student Finance Assistance Policy as amended	7/0/0, CARRIED