



University of Alberta Students' Union

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, October 16, 2017**

**5:00 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 2017-08)**

**2017-08/1      INTRODUCTION**

**2017-08/1a     Call to Order**

**2017-08/1b     Approval of Agenda**

**NOTE:** The attachments (with the exception of the minutes) have not been submit. They will be attached once they are received.

**2017-08/1c     Approval of Minutes**

**2017-08/1d     Chair's Business**

**2017-08/2      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2017-08/2a     Policy Renewal Check-Ins**

**2017-08/2b     Internationalization - Policy Discussion**

**2017-08/3      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2017-08/3a     Assessment and Grading Policy Renewal**

**2017-08/3b     Academic Materials Policy Renewal**

**2017-08/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2017-08/4a     PC-2017-07, *Meeting Minutes***

See PC 2017-08.01

**2017-08/5      ADJOURNMENT**

**2017-08/5a**      **Next Meeting:** Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

**5:00PM**

**SUB 0-55**

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

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University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Delane Howie (Chair)		Y	
Sandy Brophy		N	Y
Alannah Piasecki		Y	
Haley Lefferson		Y	
Darren Choi		Y	
Nathan Sunday		N	Y
Shane Scott (ex-officio)		Y	
Reed Larsen (ex-officio)		Y	
Ilya Ushakov(ex-officio)		Y	

**AGENDA (PC 2017-07)**

**2017-07/1     INTRODUCTION**

**2017-07/1a     Call to Order**

HOWIE: called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**2017-07/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

SCOTT, PIASECKI: moved to approve an amended agenda with the removal of item 3-D.

7/0/0

**2017-07/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

SCOTT: declared that two aspects of July 31st minutes need to be corrected (1) his remarks in relation to political policy and Discover Governance and (2) a misidentified gender typo.

CHOI: advised that the minutes to reflect the subject of each sentence, rather than using "it".

SCOTT: corrected a factual error in 2017-06-3b in that the Density & Pharmacy building near the bus loop is being renovated NOT that Density & Pharmacy is constructing a bus loop.

CHOI, SCOTT: moved to approve the minutes as amended.

4/0/3

*Note the last meeting of Policy Committee was cancelled, therefore the minutes approved are from Monday, July 31, 2017 (i.e. PC-2017-05).*

**2017-07/1d**

**Chair's Business**

HOWIE: Established that the Policy Committee will investigate a change of meeting time to accommodate members.

**2017-07/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2017-07/2a**

**Policy Renewal Process Check-Ins**

HOWIE: started discussion by requesting more information on academic materials.

CHOI: noted he finished editing the materials and will now to bring the item forward for consultations; this will be completed for next meeting.

SCOTT: offered his assistance to Choi.

HOWIE: adjusted the projected completion date for the academic materials to be in October. Noted that work on Linguistic Accessibility will start next month. Requested Lefferson to discuss food.

LEFFERSON: updated the committee that she had not started yet, requested

further assistance.

USHAKOV: offered his assistance. Noted he has not yet started on health and wellness work but will be starting for November.

PIASECKI: updated the committee on residence noting she encountered a communication barrier. Requested a readjustment of a completion date to for November.

SCOTT: noted that he received a response from International Student Services to discuss the internationalisation policy.

SUNDAY: updated the committee that the policy process is taking longer than expected. Noted he will set up a meeting with ISS, begin a second round of consultations, and then review the policy thereafter. Further noted his investigation into a gender political policy pending review from the Landing and Outlaw.

SCOTT: inquired about the manner in which the committee decides to investigate policy creation.

HOWIE: responded that she believes members are investigate issues without approval. Noted she will look into the issue and report back.

SCOTT: expressed curiosity about the expansion of Sunday's gender policy into a diversity-equity policy.

LARSON: cautioned that the committee first establish what operating policies exist on this issue.

**2017-07/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2017-07/3a**

Second Reading of the Student Financial Assistance Policy  
See 2017-07.02.

LARSON: introduced the item by noting that no significant changes were made between the first and second readings of the policy, only minor points of clarification.

SCOTT: inquired whether the policy included a specific clause on the eligibility of international students for student awards.

LARSON: responded by acknowledging the existence of a broader inclusionary clause on international students but noting there is not a specific clause on award eligibility.

SCOTT: submitted a comment within the document to ensure the issue is

discussed in the context of the internationalisation policy.

LARSON, USHAKOV: moved to approve the Student Financial Assistance Policy for Council review.

7/0/0

**2017-07/3b** Second Reading of the Deferred Maintenance Policy Renewal  
See 2017-07.03.

SCOTT: Suggested an addition to the policy which changes the Government of Alberta maintenance funding scheme from being project-specific to sustained.

SCOTT, PIASECKI: moved to approve the Deferred Maintenance Renewal Policy for Council review.

6/0/0

**2017-07/3c** First Principles of the Assessment and Grading Policy Renewal  
See 2017-07.04.

HOWIE: Noted Brophy's note about there being no mention of plagiarism within the policy.

SCOTT: Expressed concern over the calendar citations and syllabus references being outdated.

HOWIE: Suggested the term "Campus" be changed to "Campuses".

HOWIE: Raised concern over the term "student success" and its meaning; suggested the term student "academic success". Summarised the view of committee in expressing confusion over the intent of Brophy's clauses.

LEFFERSON: Suggested tabling the item until such time as Brophy can address his intent behind the clauses.

HOWIE: Referenced Brophy's question about plagiarism by differentiating the responsibilities of the Students' Union and the University of Alberta in relation to plagiarism, considered an offence.

SCOTT: Advised that the policy's point six has already been implemented elsewhere and does not require further action.

HOWIE: Suggested setting a special meeting with Brophy to discuss his ideas and intent in the policy.

SCOTT: Declared that Surma Das, within Scott's office, would be able to offer feedback on the policy.

HOWIE, PIASECKI: moved to table the Assessment and Grading Policy Renewal for next meeting.  
5/0/0

**2017-07/3d** First principles of the Academic Materials Policy Renewal  
See 2017-07.05.  
Note this item was struck from the agenda.

**2017-07/4** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2017-07/5** **ADJOURNMENT**

SCOTT, LEFFERSON: moved to adjourn for 5:54.  
5/0/0

**2017-07/5a** **Next Meeting:** Monday, October 12, 2017 at 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

### **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
SCOTT, PIASECKI: moved to approve an amended agenda with the removal of item 3-D.	7/0/0
CHOI, SCOTT: moved to approve the minutes as amended.	4/0/3
LARSON, USHAKOV: moved to approve the Student Financial Assistance Policy for Council review.	7/0/0
SCOTT, PIASECKI: moved to approve the Deferred Maintenance Renewal Policy for Council review.	6/0/0
HOWIE, PIASECKI: moved to table the Assessment and Grading Policy Renewal for next meeting.	5/0/0
SCOTT, LEFFERSON: moved to adjourn for 5:54.	5/0/0