



University of Alberta Students' Union

POLICY COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 9, 2018
5:00 PM
SUB 0-55**

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.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Robert Bilak		Y	
Sandy Brophy		N	
Daren Choi		Y	
Srosh Hassan		Y	
Delaine Howie (CHAIR)		Y	
Reed Larsen		Y	
Alannah Piasecki		Y	
Shane Scott		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Ilya Ushakov		Y	

MINUTES (PC 2017-12)

2017-12/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-12/1a Call to Order

HOWIE: Called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

2017-12/1b Approval of Agenda

SCOTT/USHAKOV MOVED to approve the agenda.
7/0/0 - CARRIED.

2017-12/1c Approval of Minutes

CHOI/PIASECKI MOVED to approve the minutes *PC-2017-09-M*
6/0/1- CARRIED.

2017-12/1d Chair's Business

HOWIE: Communicated that she asked Discover Governance three questions relation to the renewal of Students' Union policies: (1) What happens if the policies are not renewed? (2) Can policies be renewed for one year? (3) If a first reading passes at April 10 meeting, must the 2018-19 Council follow its resolution?

Established the responses as (1) the Executive is not bound by unrenewed policy. (2) Policies must be renewed for three years. (3) Bills in the process of approval are dropped in a transition between terms.

2017-12/2 QUESTION PERIOD/ DISCUSSION

2017-12/2a Outstanding Policy Renewal(s)

HOWIE: Clarified that the Campus Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility, Food, Health & Wellness, and Residence policies are up for renewal. Supported renewing the policies irrespective of their age. Proposed renewing the policies as-is or with editorial changes.

USHAKOV: Agreed with Howie. Advised that the Committee clarify that the policies must be revisited in the transition manual.

LARSEN: Suggested that the renewal of policy be made to occur within the first three months. Expressed doubt that the policy will change in nature between terms.

PIASECKI: Noted that the Residence Policy is complete.

HOWIE: Responded that neither the Residence nor Health & Wellness policies were considered by Students' Council. Noted the resignation of Cllr Lefferson, policy lead on Food, stalled its progress.

SCOTT: Noted that he and Ushakov moved on the recommendation of Policy Committee the Health & Wellness policy renewal First Principles on February 6th at Students' Council.

USHAKOV: Responded that the Health & Wellness policy never moved into Second Reading. Suggested that the item be added to the order paper for the April 10 meeting. Noted a fact was changed and, therefore, the policy must be reconsidered.

USHAKOV/SCOTT MOVED to special order the item *2017-12/2a* to discuss the Health and Wellness Policy.
7/0/0 - CARRIED.

USHAKOV: Advanced that older policies still ensure accountability for the Executive and should be passed. Advised that Policy Committee urge the following year's Students' Council to revisit the policies for accuracy.

SCOTT: Expressed concern over approving older policies with potentially outdated facts.

SUNDAY: Suggested that policies are integral to provide accountability and constraint for the Executives.

BILAK: Proposed that the review deadline be set for December as September is too ambitious.

PIASECKI: Noted that the Residence Policy cannot be passed in time as it requires two readings at Students' Council. Argued for passing the Residence Policy as it plays an integral role in guiding the Vice-President Student Life.

HOWIE: Noted that renewing the policies as-is does not preclude its amendment in future.

SCOTT: Suggested that, even in the small window of lapsed policies, the Executive will follow the spirit and conventions of the policy.

USHAKOV: Emphasised the need to have political policies to guide Executive action. Noted the existing policies do not contain untrue information.

LARSEN: Favoured renewing the policies as-is as they are binding for not only for the Executive, but for the rest of the representatives of the Students' Union.

HOWIE/PIASECKI MOVED to special order the discussion of the Campus

Residence, Food, and Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility policies as items, 2017-12/3b, 2017-12/3c, and 2017-12/3d, respectively.
7/0/0 - CARRIED.

2017-12/2b Internationalization Policy

SUNDAY: Noted he added facts on academic and non-academic misconduct, foodbank use. Noted he added regulations on not supporting increases in language requirements without consulting students, providing predictable costs for international students, and providing better opportunities for international students to learn about their tuition.

HOWIE: Affirmed that the document for the Internationalization Policy will be passed onto the next Students' Council term. Encouraged returning members to seek its implementation.

2017-12/2c Transition Report & Advice for Next Year's Committee'

USHAKOV: Identified topics for the following year as capital projects, engagement, experiential learning, gender, quality instruction, student employment, students in governance, and truth and reconciliation.

SUNDAY: Noted that the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee should be consulted in relation to truth and reconciliation.

SCOTT: Suggested Gender Policy be renewed or scrapped for a broader Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. Advised incoming Policy Committee members to start sooner. Urged for completion of the policies by next election cycle.

2017-12/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-12/3a Health and Wellness Policy Renewal

USHAKOV/SCOTT MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Health and Wellness Policy to Students' Council.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

2017-12/3b Residence Policy

PIASECKI/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Residence Policy to Students' Council.

5/2/0 - CARRIED

2017-12/3c Food Policy

PIASECKI/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Food Policy to Students' Council.

5/2/0 - CARRIED

2017-12/3d Campus Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility Policy

HOWIE: Noted that translations change the meaning of the policy which raises questions on which binds Students' Council.

USHAKOV: Noted that the Census data must be updated and revisited.

HOWIE/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Campus Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility Policy to Students' Council.

5/2/0 - CARRIED

2017-12/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-12/4a PC-2017-09, *Minutes*

The last two meetings did not take place, as quorum was **not achieved** - therefore, minutes from the most recent meeting will be attached for approval.

See PC-2017-12.01.

2017-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

HOWIE: Meeting adjourned for 6:13pm.

2017-12/5a **Next Meeting:** TBD.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
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SCOTT/USHAKOV MOVED to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 - CARRIED.
CHOI/PIASECKI MOVED to approve the minutes <i>PC-2017-09-M</i>	6/0/1 - CARRIED.
USHAKOV/SCOTT MOVED to special order the item <i>2017-12/2a</i> to discuss the Health and Wellness Policy.	7/0/0 - CARRIED.
HOWIE/PIASECKI MOVED to special order the discussion of the Campus Residence, Food, and Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility policies as items, <i>2017-12/3b</i> , <i>2017-12/3c</i> , and <i>2017-12/3d</i> , respectively.	7/0/0 - CARRIED.
USHAKOV/SCOTT MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Health and Wellness Policy to Students' Council.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
PIASECKI/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Residence Policy to Students' Council.	5/2/0 - CARRIED
PIASECKI/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Food Policy to Students' Council.	5/2/0 - CARRIED
HOWIE/USHAKOV MOVED to recommend the renewal of the Campus Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility Policy to Students' Council.	5/2/0 - CARRIED