

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

6:00 PM

SUB 0-55

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

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Robert Bilak		Y	
Kara Farris		Y	
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
Connor Palindat		N	Y
Breanna Palmer		Y	
Stephen Raitz		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar (ex-officio)		Y	
Adam Brown (ex-officio)		N	Y
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		N	Y

MINUTES (PC-2018-01)

2018-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-01/1a Call to Order

RAITZ: Called the meeting to order at 6:09PM.

2018-01/1b Approval of Agenda

FARRIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.

5/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-01/1c Approval of Minutes
FARRIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the *PC-2018-00-M* minutes.
4/0/1 - CARRIED

2018-01/1d Chair's Business

RAITZ: Determined to author a policy spreadsheet to record progress from meetings and capture advice from former members.

2018-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-01/3a Introduction of Members

RAITZ: Introduced himself as a fifth-year urban planning student.

MOGALE: Introduced themselves as a fifth-year political science student.

PALMER: Introduced herself as an open studies gender and sociology student.

BILAK: Introduced himself as a political science and economics students.

BHATNAGAR: Introduced herself as a political science and sociology student.

FARRIS: Introduced herself as a fourth-year education student.

2018-01/3b General Duties and Expectations Overview

RAITZ: Noted he will respond to emails within 24 hours. Requested Committee members to register their absence 48 hours in advance of a meeting. Requested Committee members notify him when their schedules preclude them from fulfilling the tasks to which they are assigned.

PALMER: Expressed concern over frequent changes in meeting location.

RAITZ: Determined to work with the Council administrative assistant to ensure consistency in future.

FARRIS: Proposed the implementation of an informal hand-raising system to order conversation.

RAITZ: Implemented Farris' suggestion with immediate effect.

BHATNAGAR: Urged that side-conversation and personal discussion occur only after the agenda is exhausted.

2018-01/3c Discussion of Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule

See PC-2018-01.02.

RAITZ: Noted that Thursday meetings conflict with Palindat's schedule. Confirmed the will of the Committee, after a brief poll, that meetings remain on Thursdays at 6:00pm, rather than Wednesdays.

2018-01/3d Policies up for Review
See PC-2018-01.03.

BHATNAGAR: Advised that the Committee designate a point-person, for each policy portfolio, with whom other members will act as a team in undertaking the renewal process. Expressed interest in the Engagement, Experiential Learning, Quality of Instruction, and Students in Governance Policies.

BROWN: Expressed interest in Faculté Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility, Capital Projects, and Student Employment Policies.

BOURGEOIS: Expressed interest in Food, Gender, Truth and Reconciliation Policies.

BHATNAGAR: Advised that the Committee expand and transform the existing Gender Policy into an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. Identified the Engagement, Quality of Instruction, and Experiential Learning Policies as easier to renew. Established that the Executive intends to focus only on the policies up for renewal over the course of the spring and summer.

RAITZ: Identified the Executive as a key resource for Committee members in their consultation processes.

FARRIS: Expressed interest in the Experiential Learning, Student Employment, Students in Governance, and Engagement Policies.

BILAK: Expressed interest in the Engagement, Experiential Learning, Gender, and Student Employment Policies. Noted that the Gender, Food, and Internationalisation Policies will require more work.

PALMER: Expressed interest in Gender, Truth and Reconciliation, Students in Governance, Experiential Learning, Engagement, and Quality of Instruction Policies.

MOGALE: Noted the University is not ready for an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. Expressed interest in Gender, Truth and Reconciliation, Internationalisation, and Student Employment Policies.

RAITZ: Noted some policies may be developed over the course of the year. Suggested that the Committee first draft a Gender Policy that can later be expanded into an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.

PALMER: Argued that shortcomings in the University Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy and Sexual Assault Office must compel the Committee to expand the Gender Policy.

RAITZ: Expressed interest in the Truth and Reconciliation and Capital Projects Policies.

BILAK: Advised that the Committee and Students' Council set lofty goals to which they can aspire.

RAITZ: Encouraged policy teams to meet and work outside of regular scheduled Committee meetings. Identified Google Drive as a means for members to provide commentary on one another's projects. Determined to add an item for policy development timelines on the next agenda.

PALMER: Requested that a portion of each Policy Committee agenda be allotted for group discussion and work.

RAITZ: Responded that group policy discussions occur as part of team updates.

FARRIS: Responded that further policy discussion occurs in Students' Council as a whole.

BILAK: Recognised the value of utilising on-campus experts in policy development.

RAITZ: Assigned himself to work on Capital Projects Policy with the support of Brown.

BROWN: Assigned himself to work on the Faculté Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility Policy.

BHATNAGAR: Assigned herself to work on Quality of Instruction Policy with the support of Palmer.

BILAK: Assigned himself to work on the Experiential Learning Policy with the support of Farris.

FARRIS: Assigned herself to work on the Engagement Policy.

MOGALE: Assigned themselves to work on the Gender Policy.

BILAK: Assigned himself to work on Student Employment Policy with the support of Brown.

RAITZ: Established that Bourgeois will likely lead the Food Policy and support

Mogale with the Gender Policy.

FARRIS: Established that Bhatnagar will likely lead the Students in Governance Policy with support from Bilak and Farris.

MOGALE: Assigned themselves to work on the Truth and Reconciliation Policy with Palmer.

2018-01/3e Residence/Internationalization Policy Discussion
See PC-2018-01.04 and See PC-2018-01.05.

RAITZ: Identified that the Residence Policy is to be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting.

PALMER: Determined to contact Sunday to receive more information on the Internationalisation Policy.

FARRIS: Noted that Internationalisation Policy requires a review of draft amendments.

BILAK: Supported reviewing and completing Residence Policy for early July.

FARRIS: Expressed concern over Bilak's Residence Policy timeline.

RAITZ: Determined to complete the Internationalisation Policy after the Residence Policy. Determined to include items for (1) Residence Policy discussion, (2) an Internationalisation update, and (3) policy timeline development on next meetings' agenda.

2018-01/3f New/Other Policy Discussion

BILAK: Proposed the development of a policy relating to the relationship between the Students' Union and faculty associations.

PALMER: Proposed an early review of the Sexual Assault Policy.

BILAK: Proposed a policy relating to the potential for optional Students' Union fees as per a recent United Conservative Party resolution.

RAITZ: Proposed a policy relating to active transport.

BILAK: Advised caution in determining the Committee workload as, in past, the Committee failed to deliver upon that which it had intended to accomplish.

PALMER: Supported developing the skeleton framework of principal policies by July. Inquired into the existence of a Safety Policy.

FARRIS: Responded that the safety and the security of the University of Alberta are managed by the University Administration.

BILAK: Noted that the Internationalisation Policy renewal is slated for 2020, not 2018.

2018-01/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-01/4a *PC-2018-00-M* - Thursday, May 10, 2018, Minutes

See PC-2018-01.01.

2018-01/4b Tentative Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule

See PC-2018-01.02.

2018-01/4c Policies up for review discuss

See PC-2018-01.03.

2018-01/4d Residence Policy Draft

See PC-2018-01.04.

2018-01/4e Internationalization Policy Draft

See PC-2018-01.05.

2018-01/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

RAITZ: Adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

2018-01/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 7, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
FARRIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
FARRIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the <i>PC-2018-00-M</i> minutes.	5/0/1 - CARRIED