



**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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, Sauteaux, 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		N	
Connor Palindat		N	
Breanna Palmer		Y	
Stephen Raitz		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar (ex-officio)		N	Y
Adam Brown (ex-officio)		Y	
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		Y	

**MINUTES (PC-2018-03)**

**2018-03/1 INTRODUCTION**

**2018-03/1a Call to Order**

RAITZ: Called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

**2018-03/1b Approval of Agenda**

**FARRIS/BROWN MOVED** to approve the agenda.

5/0/0 - CARRIED

**2018-03/1c Approval of Minutes**  
**FARRIS/BILAK MOVED** to approve the *PC-2018-02-M* minutes.  
4/0/1 - CARRIED

**2018-03/1d Chair's Business**

RAITZ: Noted that the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board ruled in the case of Sunday v Students' Council (Speaker). Identified that, consequently, Students' Council is (1) translating policies in Summer and will be, subsequently, (2) establishing an operational committee to complete further translations.

FARRIS: Inquired into how the DIE Board ruling relates to the Campus Saint-Jean Linguistic Accessibility Policy.

BROWN: Responded that the ruling is not primarily related to the Linguistic Accessibility Policy.

RAITZ: Considered that translation of policies will occur prior to the implementation of the Linguistic Accessibility Policy. Established that the Committee is to develop a Nonpartisan Policy which affirms an existing convention of political and operational impartiality. Forecasted the completion of the Policy for after September. Noted that interested members could begin Policy development earlier.

BROWN: Determined to lead the development of the Nonpartisan Policy with an expected completion in the latter half of Summer. Emphasised the relevance of the Policy for the 2019 Alberta Election.

FARRIS: Determined to support Brown.

PALMER: Determined to support Brown.

RAITZ: Requested that members cc him in their emails to Discover Governance that request the addition of agenda items.

FARRIS: Noted that the Snack Schedule does not include allotments for Fall as the Committee meeting schedule is not yet confirmed.

**2018-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-03/2a Focus group brainstorming for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Policy**

BOURGEOIS: Noted that he and Mogale plan to develop a framework for the Policy and then host consultative student focus groups. Determined to chair the discussions, plan the material, and advertise the sessions.

PALMER: Inquired into whether members should send invitations to associated

Campus groups.

BOURGEOIS: Responded in the affirmative. Anticipated the sessions to occur in the Students' Union Building.

PALMER: Inquired into the manner in which persons unable to attend may provide their feedback.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that students unable to attend the sessions can attend Students' Council meetings wherein the Policy is debated and approved. Noted that, in addition, he is available for personal meetings.

RAITZ: Considered that, depending on the level of engagement, there be two dates for the focus group sessions.

BOURGEOIS: Determined to contact the University of McGill in relation to the details of their EDI Policy drafting process. Determined to liaise with Palmer and Mogale to draft the Policy.

RAITZ: Advised that the focus group sessions make clear that the Policy is a draft form.

BOURGEOIS: Forecasted the Policy completion as the fundend of Summer. Determined to follow contact McGill and meet with Mogale for the next meeting.

PALMER: Inquired into why Bourgeois selected McGill for support.

BOURGEOIS: Responded that, although the Universities Dalhousie and Toronto have EDI Policies, McGill is the only institution to have a dedicated Equity Department.

**2018-03/3**     **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2018-03/3a**     Engagement, Feedback and reference documents from DG

FARRIS: Identified that the Engagement Policy has not been subject to substantial review and amendment in the last twelve years.

PALMER: Determined to support the review and redevelopment of the Engagement Policy.

**2018-03/3b**     Engagement, Feedback from UASU Events

FARRIS: Inquired into whether Bourgeois retrieved answers to the questions she emailed on Sunday.

BOURGEOIS: Responded in the negative. Determined to retrieve the answers to Farris' questions and distribute the responses by next week.

**2018-03/3c** Engagement, Fact update

RAITZ: Established that the Policy redevelopment will include new provisions focused on engagement with both students and Campus issues. Anticipated a draft of the Policy to be complete for the next meeting or middle of July.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Policy is part of the Community Service Learning initiative.

FARRIS: Responded that, after 2004, the Committee transferred the provisions concerning Community Service Learning to the Experiential Learning Policy, also up for renewal in the Fall.

BILAK: Inquired into the location and availability of copies of past Engagement Policies.

FARRIS: Responded that Discover Governance attached the relevant materials in the agenda PDF. Identified that the 2010 Policy includes facts and resolutions identical to those at present. Noted that the 2004 Policy included additional provisions. Advised members to consult with Discover Governance for support in Policy development.

**2018-03/3d** Residence Policy, Second Reading

RAITZ: Identified that the Residence Policy passed at the *SC-2018-03-VP* meeting of Students' Council.

PALMER: Inquired into whether there is a provision concerning residence affordability.

RAITZ: Confirmed that the Policy acknowledges the importance of affordability as a result of consultation with international students.

**BILAK/PALMER MOVED** to send the Residence Policy to Students' Council for Second Reading.  
5/0/0 - CARRIED

**2018-03/3e** Internationalization Policy - First reading ready?

PALMER: Noted that her consultation identified concerns about tuition and residence affordability as well as recognised the diverse character of international students. Expressed that she is waiting on Bhatnagar send meeting notes from a University of Alberta International meeting. Recognised that the Policy must

consider must represent the broader context of the world. Forecasted the presentation of the Policy to occur at the July 10 Students' Council meeting.

RAITZ: Considered that the Policy has undergone an appropriate amount of consultation. Determined to follow-up with Bhatnagar about her University of Alberta International meeting notes.

BROWN: Noted that the Students' Union expects to receive a provincial tuition review in the Fall. Anticipated the tuition review to introduce new regulations for domestic and international student tuition. Noted that international tuition is not now regulated and, therefore, the University increased its cost by 3.14% in this year and by 2.5% for the following two years.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Committee should finalise the Policy before or after receiving the tuition review.

BROWN: Responded that the Committee should strive to develop a policy based on the needs of students which is not merely a casualty of the tuition review.

RAITZ: Responded that the review and renewal of the Policy occur every three-years and is always amendable.

**2018-03/4**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-03/4a**     *PC-2018-02-M* - Thursday, June 7, 2018, Minutes

See PC-2018-03.01.

**2018-03/4b**     Policy Snack Schedule

See PC-2018-02.02.

**2018-03/4c**     Residence Policy Draft

See PC-2018-02.03.

**2018-03/5**     **ADJOURNMENT**

RAITZ: Adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm.

**2018-03/5a**     **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>FARRIS/BROWN MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
<b>FARRIS/BILAK MOVED</b> to approve the <i>PC-2018-02-M</i> minutes.	4/0/1 - CARRIED
<b>BILAK/PALMER MOVED</b> to send the Residence Policy to Students' Council for Second Reading.	5/0/0 - CARRIED