

# POLICY COMMITTEE

### Thursday, August 16, 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, 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	Luke Statt	Y	
Kara Farris	Rowan Ley	Y	
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
James Thibaudeau		Y	
Breanna Palmer		Y	
Stephen Raitz (chair)		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar(ex-officio)		N	Y
Adam Brown (ex-officio)		N	
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		N	

#### **MINUTES (PC-2018-07)**

**2018-07/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2018-07/1a Call to Order

RAITZ: Called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2018-07/1b Approval of Agenda

**PALMER/THIBAUDEAU MOVED** to approve the agenda.

5/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-07/1c Approval of Minutes

**THIBAUDEAU/STATT MOVED** to approve the minutes of *PC-2018-06-M*.

6/0/1 - CARRIED

2018-07/1d Chair's Business

2018-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2018-07/2a** Food Policy General Update

THIBAUDEAU: Noted that extent of Campus food preparation opportunities requires further investigation. Suggested that there are limited opportunities for food preparation beyond microwaves. Noted that access to healthy food and beverage options has improved. Considered that the Policy affirm the importance of accommodating dietary restrictions. Considered that the Policy must recognize the current form of the Lister Meal Plan.

LEY: Proposed using the terms "sufficient vs "insufficient" instead of "limited" or "unlimited".

MOGALE: Inquired into whether the Policy is to address the limitations of the Lister Meal Plan.

THIBAUDEAU: Responded that the Policy can serve to address and advocate on the Meal Plan. Determined to consult the Lister Hall Student Association President.

RAITZ: Suggested expanding advocacy efforts, in future, on developing issues. Noted that the Meal Plan is fully established.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Policy is to mention the coupons that are found inside of the Students' Union agenda.

RAITZ: Responded that the agenda is not to be included as it is an internal resource whereas political policies are designed to serve externally.

THIBAUDEAU: Determined to keep Resolution 4 concerning the maintenance and the creation of new water fountains.

RAITZ: Suggested that the Policy address the availability of culturally appropriate food.

MOGALE: Advised Thibaudeau to connect with the Peter Lougheed Leadership College students who researched this issue.

THIBAUDEAU: Inquired into whether there are other persons or groups he should consult.

RAITZ: Responded that he contact someone in HUB through Councillor Kim. Noted that he could also contact any group focused on dietary restrictions.

LEY: Responded that he could consult with religious groups on faith-based dietary restrictions.

THIBAUDEAU: Anticipated a first-draft to be complete by October.

#### **2018-07/2b** Internationalization Policy - Check-in

MOGALE: Noted that she liaised with the Office of the Student Ombuds in relation to Fact 17 which concerns the disproportionate number of international students charged with academic and student offences. Noted that the Fact is not correct. Proposed amending the Policy to address the reasons for which a disproportionate number of international students come before the Ombuds services.

PALMER: Inquired into the extent to which the Students' Union is to provide support to international students charged with offences.

MOGALE: Responded that the Policy may proactively recommend the support services available to international students. Noted that the high-risk associated with an international student discontinuing their studies may be another reason for their increased representation.

RAITZ: Recommended that the Policy comes to the next meeting for final review and confirmation after the amendment of Fact 17 and addition of a preventive education provision.

PALMER: Determined to implement the comments on the document and have the Policy ready for next meeting.

RAITZ: Advised that Palmer and Mogale only amend the Policy in relation to the two aforementioned amendments.

MOGALE: Inquired into whether the Committee reviewed the draft Facts of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Policy.

RAITZ: Determined to include a review of the EDI Facts on the next meeting agenda.

MOGALE: Inquired into whether any problem arises from altering the structure of the Policy to include a definitions section,

RAITZ: Considered that definitions can be included as Facts. Determined to confirm with Mogale on the question of structure.

#### 2018-07/3 <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>

**2018-07/3a**` Fall Meeting Schedule Update

RAITZ: Established that, as per the released Doodle Poll, the Fall meetings are tentatively set at on off-Council Tuesdays from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Noted that this may change depending on members' schedules.

PALMER: Noted that she has another obligation at 7:00pm on some Tuesdays.

**2018-07/3b** First Principles of Capital Projects

See PC-2018-07.03.

RAITZ: Established that, in the document, the yellow highlights identify the edits that relate to tuition, student fees, and student oriented spaces in the Facts. Noted that defining spaces clarifies the Policy. Noted that the Resolutions also now address student oriented spaces. Considered that Resolution 3 could exist in the Engagement Policy.

THIBAUDEAU: Supported keeping Resolution 3 in support of the need for specific consultations.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Horowitz Theatre renovation relates to this Policy.

RAITZ: Responded that the Horowitz Theatre renovation is not related to the Policy as it is an internal project whereas political policies are designed to serve externally.

PALMER: Inquired into the nature of maker-spaces.

RAITZ: Responded that it is important to have a wide array of listed spaces.

STATT: Inquired into whether leisure spaces are to be addressed in the Policy.

RAITZ: Responded that student lounges and leisure spaces may extend beyond the scope of the Policy, which focuses on academic spaces.

LEY: Identified that, in an earlier meeting, the Policy was considered to include the Van Vliet Centre, a recreational space. Proposed including recreational spaces in addition to academic spaces.

RAITZ: Proposed that social spaces could also be mentioned.

LEY: Supported making the Policy as inclusive as possible.

PALMER: Suggested spiritual and health spaces are also relevant.

RAITZ: Proposed that the Policy refer to space for student resources.

**PALMER MOVED** to amend the Policy to mention recreational, social, and support spaces within the Capital Projects Policy.

CARRIED (friendly).

**STATT/LEY MOVED** to bring the Capital Projects Policy forward for first reading at the *SC-2018-07* meeting of Student Council.

**5/0/0 - CARRIED** 

**2018-07/3c** First Principles of Non-Partisan Policy

See PC-2018-07.04.

RAITZ: Established that the Policy included no amendments since its last consideration by the Committee. Clarified that the Policy is reviewed by the Committee, passed by Council in first reading, reviewed by the Committee again, and finally passed by Council in a concurrent second and third reading.

**LEY/THIBAUDEAU MOVED** to bring the Non-Partisan Policy forward for second reading at the *SC-2018-07* meeting of Student Council.

**5/0/0 - CARRIED** 

RAITZ: Determined to review the EDI Policy Facts, confirm the Fall meeting schedule, consider the Capital Projects Policy for second reading, and receive the Internationalization Policy at the next meeting.

#### 2018-07/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

**2018-07/4a** *PC-2018-06* Minutes

See PC-2018-07.01.

**2018-07/4b** *PC-2018-05* Minutes

Minutes have not yet been complete. Will be attached and the agenda re-sent once they have been received.

**2018-07/4c** First Principles of Capital Projects

PC-2018-07.03.

**2018-07/4d** First Principles of Non-Partisan Policy

See PC-2018-07.04.

**2018-07/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

RAITZ: Adjourned the meeting for 6:50.

**2018-07/5a Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES	
PALMER/THIBAUDEAU MOVED to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED	
THIBAUDEAU/STATT MOVED to approve the minutes of <i>PC-2018-06-M</i> .	6/0/1 - CARRIED	
PALMER MOVED to amend the Policy to mention recreational, social, and support spaces within the Capital Projects Policy.	CARRIED (Friendly)	
STATT/LEY MOVED to bring the Capital Projects Policy forward for first reading at the <i>SC-2018-07</i> meeting of Student Council.	5/0/0 - CARRIED	
LEY/THIBAUDEAU MOVED to bring the Non-Partisan Policy forward for second reading at the SC-2018-07 meeting of Student Council.	5/0/0 - CARRIED	