



**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

5:00 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		Y	
Kara Farris		Y	
Mpoe Mogale		N	Y
James Thibaudeau		Y	
Breanna Palmer		Y	
Stephen Raitz (chair)		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar(ex-officio)		N	
Adam Brown (ex-officio)		N	
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		Y	

MINUTES (PC-2018-10)

2018-10/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-10/1a Call to Order

RAITZ: Called the meeting to order at 5:05.

2018-10/1b Approval of Agenda

RAITZ/PALMER MOVED to transfer the Internationalization Policy Second

Principles item (2018-10/2e) into Committee Business as item 2018-10/3a.
5/0/0 - CARRIED

FARRIS/BOURGEOIS MOVED to approve the agenda as amended.
5/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-10/1c Approval of Minutes

BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the minutes of *PC-2018-09-M*.
3/0/2 - CARRIED

2018-10/1d Chair's Business

RAITZ: Identified that the Food, Student Employment, Quality of Instruction, Students in Governance and Experiential Learning Policies are due for October.

2018-10/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-10/2a EDI Updates

BOURGEOIS: Established that the Policy received updates in Facts and new provisions in Resolutions. Noted that, as the Policy began with a focus on gender, there are a limited number of provisions concerning ethnicity. Determined to add more resolutions addressing this issue. Noted that there are 25 Resolutions at present, some of whose objectives have been already achieved. Determined to consult with an instructor, Dorothy Woodman, whose speciality is EDI. Determined to bring forward the Policy for consideration within the next two meetings.

RAITZ: Suggested that the Policy address gender in connection with varsity sports and inter-sex change rooms.

BOURGEOIS: Noted that the Policy references creating a gender inclusive changing area in Van Vliet. Incorporated Raitz's comments on change rooms in Resolution 7.

PALMER: Suggested marital status be added to the list of protected grounds of equitable treatment in Resolution 3. Expressed concern that Resolution 8 references spaces in which students feel unsafe without identifying them specifically.

BOURGEOIS: Incorporated Palmer's comment on Resolution 3. Considered that Resolution 8 intends to refer to systemic oppression as the source of discomfort.

RAITZ: Suggested removing the phrase "in spaces" to allow Resolution 3 to reference the community, society, or Campus in general.

PALMER: Suggested that the Policy address the relationship between culture and

gender.

RAITZ: Advised that the scope of the Policy not extend into a cross-cultural comparison of gender.

PALMER: Suggested that the Policy recognize parenting students.

BOURGEOIS: Supported developing a Students Who Parent Policy.

RAITZ: Determined to include this policy proposal in the chair's transitional report if it remains to be completed in this term.

BOURGEOIS: Noted that the University is undertaking consultation on this issue at present. Identified that this work will set the Committee up to develop a policy concerning students who parent in the next term.

2018-10/2b TRC Updates

BOURGEOIS: Established that he and Belcourt reviewed the Policy. Noted that, on her recommendation, new facts from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission were added. Determined to email ARRC's list of stakeholders an invitation to meet and consider the Policy. Determined to present resolutions by the end October, consult in November, and consider the Policy at Council in early 2019.

RAITZ: Advised that the Committee consider the results of the ARRC Town Hall in reference to the Policy. Encouraged members to volunteer at the Town Hall.

2018-10/2c Standing Orders Update - Policy Review and Research Process - Draft
See PC-2018-10.02.

RAITZ: Established that these changes to Standing Orders address both the manner in which policy is reshaped in the renewal process and the new role of the Research Department. Determined to bring the issue forward as committee business in the next meeting.

BOURGEOIS: Suggested, in connection with point (i), that a jurisdictional scan of similar policies and recent publications be completed to cross-compare research.

RAITZ: Inquired into whether the Committee finds the level of structure contained in this draft satisfactory.

FARRIS: Supported the level of structure provided in the Draft.

BOURGEOIS: Supported providing members of the Committee with an orientation in policy development and review.

RAITZ: Noted that policy training/orientation can be included as part of the

Standing Orders or added to the GovCamp/GovWeek programme in future.

2018-10/2d Discussion on Engagement Policy

RAITZ: Established that work on the Policy so far included an update on community engagement. Noted that Farris should lead this renewal in accordance with her action plan.

BOURGEOIS: Suggested consulting the Alumni Association and the Registrar's Office, both of whom focus on and specialize in student engagement.

2018-10/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-10/2a Internationalization Policy Second Principles

RAITZ: Established that Council rendered a friendly amendment and suggested the Policy include a Fact which recognises the economic contribution of international students. Expressed concern over a suggestion that the Committee limit its engagement with students.

PALMER: Inquired into whether, after Agarwal recognised an instance of suicide, the Policy should reference the mental health of international students.

RAITZ: Responded that Agarwal's mental health concerns related to the scope of engagement. Emphasised the importance of consultation.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Policy should be subject to any further consultation.

RAITZ: Responded that there has been considerable consultation over two years. Suggested consultation has been sufficient.

BILAK: Noted that the Committee is now constrained in the nature of amendments it can render as the Policy is in second reading.

PALMER: Inquired into whether the Policy should reflect the question posted by the Gateway.

RAITZ: Responded that the Gateway inquired into how the Policy supports consultation in residences. Noted he, in his response, emphasised the importance of flexibility in the form and manner of consultation.

RAITZ/PALMER MOVED to amend the Internationalization Policy by adding Fact 5.

5/0/0 - CARRIED

BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the Internationalization Policy for

Second Reading.
5/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-10/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-10/4a *PC-2018-09* Minutes

See PC-2018-10.01.

2018-10/4b Standing Orders Update - Policy Review and Research Process - Draft

See PC-2018-10.02.

2018-10/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

RAITZ: Adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.

2018-10/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

MOTION	VOTES
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