



**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019
6:30 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)
Juan Vargas Alba (chair)		Y	
Abigail Isaac		Y	
Amber Sayed		Y	
Phoebe Marinakis		Y	
Samantha Tse		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Joel Agarwal		Y	
Adam Brown		N	
Jared Larsen		Y	

MINUTES (PC 2019-02)

- 2019-02/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-02/1a Call to Order**
VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2019-02/1b Approval of Agenda**
LARSEN/MARINAKIS MOVED to approve the agenda.
6/0/0 - CARRIED
- 2019-02/1c Approval of Minutes**

LARSEN/ISAAC MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-01-M.
6/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-02/1d **Chair's Business**

2019-02/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-02/2a Policy Renewal

TSE: Outlined that the Mandatory Non Instructional Fee Policy has a four of five week timeline for completion. Noted that the scale of outreach will be determined once the goal of the Policy is determined, and the scale of revision is high due to the adoption of Bill 19 at the Legislature.

LARSEN: Noted that no meeting occurred for the Public Transit Policy. Determined to meet in the next week.

AGARWAL: Noted that no meeting occurred for the Scholarships and Bursaries Policy. Determined to meet in the next week. Considered that the first reading could occur July 15 and the scale of revision is medium.

VARGAS ALBA: Clarified that a high scale of revision is if the whole policy reviews redevelopment, a low scale is if no changes, and a medium scale is for all stages in between.

LARSEN: Noted that no meeting occurred for the Sexual Violence Policy. Determined to meet in the next week.

SAYED: Outlined that the Student Spaces Policy has a low scale of revision. Determined to meet soon to determine the timeline and scale of revision. Determined to look into a new building strategy that is being considered at GFC.

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that there has been no progress on the Tuition Policy. Emphasised that the policy teams should have met and prepared timelines of review, scales of revision, and scales of engagement for their respective renewals for the next meeting.

2019-02/2b Reconciliation Policy

VARGAS ALBA: Outlined the the Policy is complete and ready for presentation at Council. Clarified that the Policy was expanded in the last session as it was narrow and connected only with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Requested that the Committee review and be ready to approve the Policy, provided there are no objections from ARRC, at the next meeting. Determined to bring it Policy to Council June 18 if there are no changes.

MARINAKIS: Inquired into whether the members should make comments on the

document with their changes.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded in the affirmative.

MARINAKIS: Inquired into where there are policy writing resources.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that there are links on the Policy website page. Determined to bring a general guide on policy creation and have a discussion on uniform framing in policy. Suggested that DG give a presentation on this topic. Determined to check whether there would be too much overlap between the information presented at GovCamp and information presented as part of a potential presentation on policy making to the Committee.

TSE: Expressed concern at the ordering of facts within policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that facts are listed in an increasing order of specificity in policy. Noted that policy must remain general to provide for flexibility.

AGARWAL: Emphasised that policies do not need to be long.

VARGAS ALBA: Clarified that there is no rush for the approval of this Policy and that members should propose any relevant changes.

AGARWAL: Inquired into the Committee will also hear updates on the new, developing policies.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that the Committee will not begin working on new policies until after it completes those requiring renewal.

LARSEN: Expressed concern that some of the new policies are time-sensitive such as the Students who Parent Policy and Voluntary Student Unionism Policies.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that the Students who Parent Policy requires too much consultation to complete prior to the required renewals.

AGARWAL: Proposed completing an initial development of the policies in order to provide for a quicker start in the Fall term. Suggested that those writing new policies could create timelines for development.

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that the University principally surveyed graduate students, rather than undergraduate students, in their Students who Parent Policy

AGARWAL: Noted that a Freedom of Expression Policy is also important as the University is making a policy in relation to this issue in anticipation of certain provincial legislation.

LARSEN: Inquired into whether there is a standard timeline for the renewal of each

policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Responded that the timeline varies from policy to policy. Considered that most policies take six weeks to be renewed.

AGARWAL: Determined to lay the groundwork for the new policies.

VARGAS ALBA: Recommended that members use the Department of Research and Advocacy to make relevant research requests.

KIDD: Noted that she will not begin work on her new policy until September.

VARGAS ALBA: Emphasised that members should not work on writing new policy prior to completing current renewals unless that work is preparatory. Suggested adding new plan of action columns in the current tracking document that include the reason for urgency, timeline, outreach plan, presentation at Council, and implementation plan for the proposed new policies.

AGARWAL: Clarified that the Executive now refers to the Voluntary Student Union Union Fees as Anti Student Association Fees as it sounds more negative.

2019-02/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-02/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-02/4a Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-01-M) - Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

See PC-2019-02.01.

2019-02/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm

2019-02/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in SUB 6-06 @ 6:00PM.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
LARSEN/MARINAKIS MOVED to approve the agenda.	8/0/0 - CARRIED
LARSEN/ISAAC MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-01-M.	8/0/0 - CARRIED