



# POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 5, 2019

5:00 PM

SUB 6-06

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## **AGENDA (PC 2019-08)**

**2019-08/1**      **INTRODUCTION**

**2019-08/1a**      **Call to Order**

**2019-08/1b**      **Approval of Agenda**

**2019-08/1c**      **Approval of Minutes**

**2019-08/1d**      **Chair's Business**

**2019-08/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-08/2a**      MNIF Policy

**2019-08/2b**      Scholarships and Bursaries Policy

**2019-08/2c**      Student Space Policy

**2019-08/2d**      Sexual Violence Policy

**2019-08/2e**      Tuition Policy

**2019-08/2f**      Additional Policy Renewal

**2019-08/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-08/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-08/4a**      Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-07-M) - Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

*Not available as the meeting lacked a quorum, did not require/request minutes to be taken and was informal.*

**2019-08/4b**      Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-06-M) - Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

See PC-2019-08.01.

**2019-08/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2019-08/5a**

**Next Meeting: N/A.**



University of Alberta Students' Union

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6:30 PM

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### 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		N	
Joel Agarwal		Y	
Adam Brown		Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	

### MINUTES (PC 2019-06)

2019-06/1

#### INTRODUCTION

2019-06/1a

#### **Call to Order**

VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2019-06/1b

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

CARRIED

2019-06/1c

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**SAYED/BROWN MOVED** to approve the minutes of PC-2019-04-M.  
CARRIED

**2019-06/1d**      **Chair's Business**

**2019-06/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-06/2a**      Policy Renewal

TSE: Anticipated that the First Reading for the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Policy will be complete and ready for consideration by the Committee for the next meeting.

BROWN: Anticipated that the First Reading for the Public Transit Policy will be complete and ready for consideration by the Committee for mid to late September.

AGARWAL: Identified that he has prepared the changes for Scholarships and Bursaries Policy in the resolutions and is ready to set the changes in motion by approving the First Principles.

**BROWN/LARSEN MOVED** to approve First Principles of the Scholarships and Bursaries Policy.  
CARRIED

LARSEN: Outlined that the Sexual Violence Policy updates include adding new citations for existing facts, expanding existing facts, and adding new facts. Noted that, in addition, Resolutions 7, 16, and 17 are new.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed, on behalf of Councillor Sunday who sent written comments, that the Policy should explain how sexual violence is used as a tool of colonialism against Indigenous women and two-spirit people. Considered that Fact 3 could be expanded for this purpose by noting that sexual violence can be targeted by identity.

LARSEN: Suggested that specifically recognizing Indigenous women in the Facts then also requires that the Policy recognize immigrants, people of colour, persons with disabilities, and others. Suggested that the existing provisions are sufficient to address the intent of Sunday's proposal. Proposed that the emerging Indigenous Policy be used to more expansively address Sunday's proposal.

LARSEN: Supported implementing Sunday's proposal provided it could be properly phrased and cited.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that Fact 3 could reference that, on a national average, some demographics experience disproportionately high rates of sexual violence and are targeted at higher rates.

LARSEN: Noted that the Fact must identify who is doing the targeting.

MARINAKIS: Inquired into whether other policies political policies mention specific groups.

BROWN: Responded that, formerly, the Committee made the decision to allow specific mentions of groups in many policies.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to relay the Committee's discussion and recommend to Councillor Sunday that he propose any changes to the Policy when Council considers its First Principles.

**AGARWAL/LARSEN MOVED** to approve the First Principles of the Sexual Violence Policy.

CARRIED

SAYED: Outlined that updates to the Student Spaces Policy were designed to increase in specificity of existing provisions, add sub-clauses to better represent the state of student spaces on Campus, and add advocacy provisions to allow the Students' Union to emphasise the urgency of improving student spaces.

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that Fact 5 is vague.

SAYED: Responded that Fact 5 is intended to be general.

**SAYED/TSE MOVED** to approve the First Principles of the Student Spaces Policy.

CARRIED

BROWN: Anticipated that the First Reading for the Tuition Policy will be complete and ready for consideration by the Committee for late September.

VARGAS ALBA: Requested that the Committee suggested procedures for standardizing the representation of proposed amendments.

AGARWAL: Proposed having a split page document with one page showing the original policy and the other page the new policy with changes indicated in red font text.

VARGAS ALBA: Expressed concern that it may be unclear to outsiders that the red indicates proposed changes.

BROWN: Proposed a split-page document approach wherein the Committee would show deletions as struck-through in red color on the left page (old policy) and additions on the right page (new policy) in red colour.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to use Brown's proposal.

**2019-06/3**            **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-06/4**            **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-06/4a**            Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-04-M) - Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

See PC-2019-06.01.

**2019-06/5**            **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.

**2019-06/5a**            **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in SUB 6-06 @ 6:30PM.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>BROWN/LARSEN MOVED</b> to approve First Principles of the Scholarships and Bursaries Policy.	CARRIED
<b>AGARWAL/LARSEN MOVED</b> to approve the First Principles of the Sexual Violence Policy.	CARRIED
<b>SAYED/TSE MOVED</b> to approve the First Principles of the Student Spaces Policy.	CARRIED