

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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)
Juan Vargas Alba (chair)		Y	
Abigail Isaac		Y	
Amber Sayed		N	
Phoebe Marinakis		N	
Samantha Tse		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Joel Agarwal		N	
Adam Brown		Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	

MINUTES (PC 2019-10)

2019-10/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2019-10/1a **Call to Order**
VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

2019-10/1b **Approval of Agenda**
BROWN/LARSEN MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2019-10/1c **Approval of Minutes**

TSE/KIDD MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-09-M.
CARRIED

2019-10/1d **Chair's Business**

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that the Committee is behind on its policy renewal schedule given that Council, due to time constraints, was unable to consider any of its motions during *SC-2019-11-VP-20191008*.

2019-10/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-10/2a Policy Renewal.

2019-10/3b Presentations and Timelines for New Proposals.

BROWN: Proposed writing an Augustana Policy given that Augustana students, during candidate's forms, repeatedly expressed concern that the Students' Union does not provide enough supports at their Campus. Confirmed that Augustana students have access to comparatively few services. Considered that creating an Augustana Policy would be logical as the Committee created the Campus Saint-Jean Policy last year. Noted that the Augustana Policy could give particular focus to the unique circumstances in which Augustana students reside.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether Augustana students have access to student accessibility services on their Campus.

BROWN: Responded in the negative.

BROWN: Determined to consult Augustana students and student leaders to inform the development of the Policy. Considered using surveying and a town hall as means of engagement. Noted that the Policy will likely identify and address the ways in which the City of Camrose can better support Augustana students. Anticipated presenting the Augustana Policy First Principles in January.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether Augustana has certain focused degree granting programs.

BROWN: Responded that he is unaware. Noted that Augustana has been part of the University for fifteen years and, before that time, was a Lutheran faith-based college.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether Brown is aware of how, if at all, Augustana 3/11 academic schedule affects student life at Augustana, such as recruitment for student clubs.

BROWN: Responded that the 3/11 academic schedule has sometimes presented a challenge for professors who have to recapture the pace of their courses. Noted

that this is question should be an area for further inquiry as the Committee begins writing and engaging students on the Policy.

TSE: Determined to support Brown in authoring this policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to support Brown in authoring this policy.

KIDD: Proposed reforming the Experiential Learning Policy as well as creating policies related to student homelessness and the quality of academic instruction.

LARSEN: Proposed widening the scope of the Students who Parent Policy to become the Students with Dependants Policy.

ISACC: Determined to support Agarwal in authoring the Voluntary Student Unionism Policy.

LARSEN: Determined to support Agarwal in authoring the Voluntary Student Unionism Policy.

TSE: Determined to support Agarwal in authoring the Voluntary Student Unionism Policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to support Kidd in reviewing the Experiential Learning Policy.

BROWN: Determined to support Kidd in reviewing the Experiential Learning Policy. Proposed using the phase 'work integrated learning' as opposed to 'experiential learning'. Inquired into what Kidd specifically intended to reform.

KIDD: Responded that the Policy does not sufficiently address those students who complete their residencies and work placements off Campus. Determined to review the Quality Instruction Policy to determine whether she has changes to propose.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to lead the development of the Sustainability Policy.

LARSEN: Determined to support Vargas Alba in authoring this Policy.

KIDD: Determined to support Vargas Alba in authoring this Policy.

LARSEN: Considered that the Residence Policy renewal will proceed quickly as he now has all the updated facts which need to be added into it.

KIDD: Determined to support Larsen in renewing this Policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to support Larsen in renewing this Policy. Proposed that Kidd consult the Campus Food Bank in relation to her student homelessness policy.

LARSEN: Determined to support Kidd in authoring this Policy.

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that, while it may not be possible to create all these new policies within the current session of Council, the Committee should aspire to complete them to the greatest degree possible in order to facilitate an easy transition. Recommended preparing transition documents to help guide next session's Committee in completing the development of these policies.

LARSEN: Determined to bring forward the Sexual Violence Policy and First Principles Students who Parent Policy to the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee for consultation.

2019-10/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-10/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-10/4a Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-09-M) - Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

See PC-2019-10.01.

2019-10/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 5:41pm.

2019-10/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.