



**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

**5:00 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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**AGENDA (PC 2019-12)**

**2019-12/1      INTRODUCTION**

**2019-12/1a      Call to Order**

**2019-12/1b      Approval of Agenda**

**2019-12/1c      Approval of Minutes**

**2019-12/1d      Chair's Business**

**2019-12/2      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-12/2a      Free Expression Political Policy, First Readings**

**2019-12/2b      Public Transit Policy**

**2019-12/2c      Students with Dependents Policy**

**2019-12/2d      Student Engagement on Upcoming Policies: Booking Rooms**

**2019-12/2e      Policy Renewal and New Policies**

**2019-12/3      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-12/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-12/4a      Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-11-M) - Tuesday, October 29, 2019.**

See PC-2019-12.01.

*Agenda item(s) were not submitted; therefore, one was not released. Meeting still took place, and Administrative Clerk was notified.*

**2019-12/4b      Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-10-M) - Tuesday, October 15, 2019.**

See PC-2019-12.02.

**2019-12/4c** Free Expression Political Policy - Working Draft.

See PC-2019-12.03.

**2019-12/5** **ADJOURNMENT**

**2019-12/5a** **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.



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**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 Dependents 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 phrase '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.

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**MINUTES (PC 2019-11)**

**2019-11/1      INTRODUCTION**

**2019-11/1a      Call to Order**

VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

**2019-11/1b      Approval of Agenda**

**VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED** to approve the agenda.  
CARRIED

**2019-11/1c      Approval of Minutes**

**2019-11/1d**      **Chair's Business**

**2019-11/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-11/2a**      Updates Policy Renewal

LARSEN: Noted that, later this week, he will meet with the Vice-Provost or Indigenous Programming and Research and a First People's House representatives to review the Students with Dependants and Sexual Violence Policies. Noted that he surveyed 55 individuals with children in University daycare centres to inform the Students with Dependants Policy

**2019-11/3b**      Assignment of Policies

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to address this item at a later date given that it only pertains to Vice President Agarwal who is not present.

**2019-11/3c**      Residence Policy First Principles

LARSEN: Noted that the new policy reflects changes in University policy and practices as well as includes additional facts sourced from the 2018 Residence Services Resident Student Satisfaction and Learning Survey and Residence Life Task Force Recommendations. Outlined that he consulted the Lister Hall Students' Association Joint Council, Council of Residents Associations, all individual residence association executives, and the University administration.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into why the Policy uses the term 'non-cisgender' as opposed to 'transgender':  
'Non-cisgender students report significantly higher levels of homesickness, loneliness, anxiety, and depression and significantly lower levels of acceptance compared to their cisgender peers.'

LARSEN: Responded that the Policy uses the term 'non-cisgender' as it was used by a consulted group.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether Larsen prefers one term over another.

LARSEN: Responded in the negative.

KIDD: Proposed using the term 'non-cisgender' in order that the Policy remain consistent with the 2018 Residence Services Resident Student Satisfaction which uses the same term.

LARSEN: Identified that some Facts state the year as of which they are relevant. Considered that this will help future committees keep the Policy current.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed adding a fact recognizing that residence costs change rapidly.



LARSEN: Clarified that, while residence accommodation costs used to be highly variable, the University recently stabilized the costs by providing students with three-year predictable rates.

KIDD: Proposed adding a Resolution directing the Students' Union to advocate the University to offer predictable accommodation rates beyond the current three year window.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that the University should offer predictable housing costs as rental costs do not increase yearly by large amounts of money in the private rental market. Proposed, if there is no opposition, adding a Resolution to the Policy:  
'The Students' Union will advocate for a predictable funding model for rent costs, reflective of the entirety of a residents' time on campus'

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into the Policy addresses including student residences within the Alberta Residential Tenancies Act.

LARSEN: Responded in the affirmative. Identified that the Policy states that 'The Students' Union will advocate that shared University residences be included under provincial regulation or legislation.'

TSE: Recommend that Larsen enumerate the Policy's provisions before sending it to Council.

**LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED** to submit the First Principles of Residence Policy to Council.  
CARRIED

**2019-11/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-11/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-11/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 5:27pm.

**2019-11/5a**      **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 20, 2019 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
<b>LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED</b> to submit the First Principles of Residence Policy to Council.	CARRIED

# 1 Facts

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1. Undergraduate students at the University of Alberta have a right to pursue knowledge a stimulating academic learning environment.
2. The Students' Union recognizes the provisions of Hate Speech laws under the federal Criminal Code. [1]
3. The Students' Union recognizes Alberta's Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and it's implications on discrimination. [2]
4. Civil discourse is imperative to maintaining the foundations of a democratic society where there is free flow of ideas and information.
5. Students can expect to come to the University of Alberta and have their views challenged while learning to debate.
6. The Students' Union shall not deny any constituent the rights of free expression based on political alignment, race, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or, those with unpopular and/or disagreeable opinions, except in accordance with the law (more of a resolution?)

## FOOTNOTES:

1. Need reference.
2. [http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=A25P5.cfm&leg\\_type=Acts&isbncln=9780779785940](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=A25P5.cfm&leg_type=Acts&isbncln=9780779785940)

## Notes:

### Hate Propaganda

#### Advocating genocide

- **318 (1)** Every one who advocates or promotes genocide is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

- **Definition of *genocide***

**(2)** In this section, ***genocide*** means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy in whole or in part any identifiable group, namely,

  - **(a)** killing members of the group; or
  - **(b)** deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction.
- **Definition of *identifiable group***

**(4)** In this section, ***identifiable group*** means any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or mental or physical disability.

  - R.S., 1985, c. C-46, s. 318
  - 2004, c. 14, s. 1
  - 2014, c. 31, s. 12
  - 2017, c. 13, s. 3

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## Public incitement of hatred

- **319 (1)** Every one who, by communicating statements in any public place, incites hatred against any identifiable group where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace is guilty of
  - **(a)** an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
  - **(b)** an offence punishable on summary conviction.
- **Wilful promotion of hatred**

**(2)** Every one who, by communicating statements, other than in private conversation, wilfully promotes hatred against any identifiable group is guilty of

  - **(a)** an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
  - **(b)** an offence punishable on summary conviction.
- **Defences**

**(3)** No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2)

  - **(a)** if he establishes that the statements communicated were true;
  - **(b)** if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text;

- **(c)** if the statements were relevant to any subject of public interest, the discussion of which was for the public benefit, and if on reasonable grounds he believed them to be true; or
- **(d)** if, in good faith, he intended to point out, for the purpose of removal, matters producing or tending to produce feelings of hatred toward an identifiable group in Canada.