

Tuesday, December 10, 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		Y	
Phoebe Marinakis		N	
Samantha Tse		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Joel Agarwal		Y	
Adam Brown		Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	
Rowan Ley		Y	

MINUTES (PC 2019-15)

2019-15/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-15/1a Call to Order
VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

2019-15/1b Approval of Agenda

SAYED/KIDD MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2019-15/1c

Approval of Minutes

BROWN/LARSEN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-15-M.

CARRIED

2019-15/1d

Chair's Business

2019-15/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-15/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-15/3a

Tuition Policy

BROWN: Outlined that he revised and reordered some of the Policy's resolutions. Noted that the Policy now gives greater emphasis to international students. Expressed concern that the University is financially vulnerable if the Chinese Government, has the Saudi Arabian Government did in the past, decided to recall its students from Canadian post-secondary institutions. Noted that he removed Resolution 2(a) reading 'The Students' Union shall advocate that the Government of Alberta legislate a policy on tuition fees that: provides strict guidance to an institution's ability to set tuition, including annual and ultimate limits on the maximum amount of tuition fees that can be levied on students;' given that this Resolution was fulfilled in Bill 19: An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education (Schmidt).

VARGAS ALBA: Supported the addition of Resolution 3(b) reading 'The Students' Union shall advocate that the Government of Alberta legislate tuition policies that: Is reflective of an open and transparent consultation period, including the publishing of stakeholder (including student) feedback.'

LEY: Inquired as to how Fact 1 reading 'The costs that students pay in tuition, should be demonstrated in a transparent way by the University of Alberta.' is a fact statement.

BROWN: Responded that Fact 1 blurs the line between principle and fact.

VARGAS ALBA: Noted that policies often have normative statements in their fact sections.

BROWN/KIDD MOVED to approve the Tuition Policy Second Principles for approval at Students' Council.

CARRIED

2019-15/3b

Student Poverty Policy

KIDD: Noted that she crafted the Policy in an effort to ensure there is greater future

research into student poverty.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether the Policy can be used to allocate financial resources for research.

LARSEN: Responded in the negative. Clarified that the Policy can be used to direct UASU executives to engage in advocacy aimed at securing and using University and Students Union funds to analyse student poverty.

KIDD/LARSEN MOVED to approve the Student Poverty Policy Second Principles for approval at Students' Council.

CARRIED

2019-15/3c Policy Winter Timeline

VARGAS ALBA: Outlined that the Committee remains to complete the Public Transit, Sexual Violence, and Indigenous Students Policies.

BROWN: Determined to begin focusing his efforts on the Public Transit Policy.

LARSEN: Determined to meet consult Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee on the Sexual Violence Policy and bring the item for approval thereafter.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that the Committee aim to complete the renewal of these policies by February 11.

KIDD: Determined to bring forward the Quality of Instruction Policy Second Principles and the Experiential Learning Policy First Principles for the Committee's February 4th meeting.

2019-15/3d Additional Policy

2019-15/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-15/4a Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-14-M) - Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

See PC-2019-15.01.

2019-15/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 1:31pm.

2019-15/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
SAYED/KIDD MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED

BROWN/LARSEN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-15-M.	CARRIED
BROWN/KIDD MOVED to approve the Tuition Policy Second Principles for approval at Students' Council.	CARRIED
KIDD/LARSEN MOVED to approve the Student Poverty Policy Second Principles for approval at Students' Council.	CARRIED