

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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	
Samantha Tse		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Joel Agarwal		N	
Adam Brown	Luke Statt	Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	
David Draper		Y	

MINUTES (PC 2019-16)

2019-16/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-16/1a Call to Order
VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2019-16/1b Approval of Agenda
LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2019-16/1c Approval of Minutes

KIDD/LARSEN MOVED to approve the minutes (PC-2019-15-M) - Tuesday, January 22, 2020 as per PC-2019-16.01.

Draper, Statt abstain.

CARRIED

2019-16/1d Chair's Business

VARGAS ALBA: Anticipated that the Committee will consider approving the Freedom of Expression Policy after the end of the Students' Union Elections in which its lead author, Vice President Agarwal, is running. Proposed meeting during Reading Week. Noted that there are, best case, five meetings left within the current Council term with three being the minimum.

2019-16/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-16/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-16/3a Conversation on OER Policy

DRAPER: Indicated that he will, as a new member of the Committee, support the Committee in writing Policy related to experiential learning, Augustana, and open educational resources.

2019-16/3b Other Policy Renewal(s)

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to send the Committee an e-vote on the Public Transit Policy tomorrow.

2019-16/3c Quality of Instruction Second Principles

KIDD: Proposed, as new resolutions:

'10. The Students' Union will advocate for a clear and student friendly mechanism to report an instructor who fails to meet the standards of quality instruction.' Proposed that the reports be reviewed by an external body or a given Faculty's Dean.

'11. The Students' Union will advocate that all new instructors will be required to take a mandatory course on developing their teaching through the Centre for Teaching and Learning.'

'12. The Students' Union will advocate that instructors with low USRI ratings will utilize the available resources through the Centre for Teaching and Learning to continue to develop their teaching techniques.'

Outlined that she made minor word changes to Resolutions 1 and 3.

TSE: Proposed citing Resolution 12 with the minutes from a Centre for Teaching and Learning meeting or presentation.

DRAPER: Proposed that the Policy make clear that course materials should be directly related to course content and be cost effective. Proposed also adding a fact concerning open educational resources.

TSE: Inquired into whether Kidd considered mentioning the Office of the Ombuds as part of Resolution 10.

KIDD: Responded that she elected not to mention the Office as its mandate is not wholly related to the issue addressed in Resolution 10.

DRAPER: Proposed that Resolution 10 read 'The Students' Union will advocate for a clear and student friendly mechanism in English and French to report an instructor who fails to meet the standards of quality instruction.'

VARGAS ALBA: Considered that adding new facts and resolutions concerning open educational resources would be inappropriate because they fall outside the scope of First Principles. Proposed, instead, linking the Quality of Instruction Policy as part of the OER Policy.

KIDD: Proposed that Resolution 2 read '2. The Students' Union will advocate for the continuous modernization of our curriculums to adapt to the dynamic changes in research and knowledge. This will further enhance student learning and incentivize instructors to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies, such as open educational resources.'

DRAPER: Proposed adding a fact noting that textbook costs are a financial barrier to receiving high quality education.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed adding Fact 3.ii reading 'Students often pay high costs for educational materials that do not always reflect the quality of these materials'

KIDD/DRAPER MOVED to approve Quality of Instruction Second Principles.
CARRIED

2019-16/3s Sexual Violence Policy

LARSEN: Noted that, due to scheduling difficulties, he has been unable to meet with Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee to discuss the Policy. Noted that he consulted First People's House, the University Vice-Provost's Office, and the Dean of Students' Office.

KIDD: Proposed consulting Aboriginal Student Council in place of ARRC.

LARSEN: Determined to consult ASC on Monday and present the Policy for approval at Council on Tuesday.

LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED to approve Sexual Violence Policy Second Principles.
CARRIED

2019-16/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-16/4a Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-15-M) - Tuesday, January 22, 2020.
See PC-2019-16.01.

2019-16/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm.

2019-16/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
KIDD/LARSEN MOVED to approve the minutes (PC-2019-15-M) - Tuesday, January 22, 2020 as per PC-2019-16.01.	CARRIED
KIDD/DRAPER MOVED to approve Quality of Instruction Second Principles. CARRIED	CARRIED
LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED to approve Sexual Violence Policy Second Principles. CARRIED	CARRIED