

Wednesday, March 17, 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 | | N | |
| Samantha Tse | | Y | |
| Katie Kidd | | Y | |
| Joel Agarwal | | Y | |
| Adam Brown | | Y | |
| Jared Larsen | | Y | |
| David Draper | | Y | |
| Akanksha Bhatnagar | | Y | |

MINUTES (PC 2019-17)

2019-17/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2019-17/1a **Call to Order**
VARGAS ALBA: Called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2019-17/1b **Approval of Agenda**
BROWN/KIDD MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

- 2019-17/1c** **Approval of Minutes**
KIDD/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2019-16-M as per PC-2019-17.01.
CARRIED
- 2019-17/1d** **Chair's Business**
- 2019-17/2** **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2019-17/3** **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-17/3a** Students with Dependants Policy
- LARSEN: Outlined that his review of the Policy focused on reviewing its Facts and adding new consultation pathways.
- LARSEN/ISSAC MOVED** to approve Second Principles for the Students with Dependants Policy.
CARRIED
- 2019-17/3b** Experiential Learning Policy
- KIDD: Outlined that her update of the Policy places new emphasis on practicums and co-op terms in addition to work experience programs.
- VARGAS ALBA: Noted that the Policy now recognizes international students.
- BHATNAGAR: Proposed amending Section 7(b) to specify that there are few targeted scholarships and (7c) to clarify that the fee breakdowns for experiential opportunities are unclear.
- KIDD/AGARWAL MOVED** to approve Experiential Learning Policy Second Principles.
CARRIED
- 2019-17/3c** Augustana Policy
- BROWN: Outlined that the Policy now has Facts concerning services, infrastructure, student spaces, fitness access, transit, accessibility, support services, and transfer credits.
- BROWN/DRAPER MOVED** to First Reading of the Augustana Policy.
CARRIED
- 2019-17/3d** Indigenous Students Policy
- KIDD: Inquired into the intent behind Resolution 4.
- VARGAS ALBA: Responded that the Resolution asks that the University admit a

number of Aboriginal students that is proportional to their representation in the Alberta population. Considered that the Policy could go farther in asking for greater than proportional representation.

BROWN: Noted that there are high rates of Aboriginal representation at colleges and polytechnics. Suggested that seeking proportional representation may be arbitrary. Supported pushing the University to admit more Aboriginal applicants.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed adding a Fact 6 stating that 'One of the new Campus Alberta Grant performance-based funding metrics for the University of Alberta incentivizes the increased recruitment of Indigenous students through funding, but does not incentivize increased Indigenous student supports.' Proposed deleting Resolution 4 reading 'the Students' Union shall advocate that the University accept Indigenous students at a rate that is at least proportional to the provincial population.'

AGARWAL: Proposed that Fact 6 also recognise that funding is based on international and domestic enrollment, in addition to that of Aboriginal students.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that adding this information would be unnecessary for the purposes of the Policy.

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that the term 'failed' is overstrong and overbroad in Fact 3 reading 'Post-secondary institutions have failed to consistently demonstrate how their form of institutional learning can accommodate the First Nations, Métis and Inuit people on campus.'

KIDD: Suggested that Aboriginal students on Campus believe the University has failed them.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that Fact 3 recognise that the University's efforts have been inconsistent.

TSE: Proposed that Fact 3 read 'Post-secondary institutions should increase the way they have failed to consistently demonstrate how the form of institutional learning accommodates First Nations, Métis and Inuit people on campus.'

BHATNAGAR: Proposed not changing Fact 3.

VARGAS ALBA: Concurred.

AGARWAL: Concurred.

VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED to approve Indigenous Students Policy First Principles, with the proviso that Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee can reject any new changes to the Policy.

CARRIED

2019-17/3e Climate Action Policy

VARGAS ALBA: Determined to table 2019-17/3e until the next meeting.

2019-17/3f Other Policy

2019-17/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-17/4a Policy Committee Minutes (PC-2019-16-M) - Tuesday, February 4, 2020.
See PC-2019-17.01.

2019-17/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

VARGAS ALBA: Adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

2019-17/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| MOTION | VOTES |
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| BROWN/KIDD MOVED to approve the agenda. | CARRIED |
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| KIDD/AGARWAL MOVED to approve Experiential Learning Policy Second Principles. | CARRIED |
| BROWN/DRAPER MOVED to First Reading of the Augustana Policy. | CARRIED |
| VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED to approve Indigenous Students Policy First Principles, with the proviso that Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee can reject any new changes to the Policy. | CARRIED |