



**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

5:00 PM

Google Meet

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)
Abner Monteiro (Chair)		Y	
David Draper		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Rowan Ley		N	
Andrew Batycki		Y	
Nathan Brandwein		Y	
Simran Dhillon		N	
Talia Dixon		N	
Christian Fotang		N	

MINUTES (PC 2020-12)

2020-12/1 INTRODUCTION

2020-12/1a Call to Order
 MONTEIRO: Called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2020-12/1b Approval of Minutes
KIDD/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-11-M.

CARRIED

2020-12/1c **Approval of Agenda**
KIDD/BATYCKI MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2020-12/1d **Chair's Business**

2020-12/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-12/2a Policy Updates

MONTERIO: Updated that the Student Employment Policy team has not met since the last meeting. Noted that various Committee members are working on creating a Consultation Policy and a Climate Action Policy and renewing the Assessment and Grading Policy and the Mental Health Policy. Expressed concern that there is no bylaw addressing what occurs when a policy expires for failing to be renewed.

DRAPER: Suggested that expired policies are like milk that goes bad in the fridge: you can still drink it but it tastes poor.

KIDD: Suggested that policies become inoperative upon expiration.

FOTANG: Imagined that a policy could expire while the Committee is in the process of renewing it, leaving a policy gap.

KIDD: Suggested that a temporary policy gap caused by delays in the renewal process would be unproblematic as the Executive would not have sufficient time to advocate for radically different priorities than those contained within the policy before the Committee finishes renewing the policy.

KIDD: Updated that she is now working on the Sexual Violence Policy instead of updating the Health and Wellness Policy with a section on mental health as she has identified the University's Service Excellence Transformation (SET) as an opportunity to effect change in sexual violence supports.

MONTERIO: Invited the Committee to revise the Committee goal tracker as needed based on their work plans.

2020-12/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2020-12/3a Open Education Policy 1st Principles

DRAPER: Established that the Policy's First Principles are ready for approval. Commended Batycki and Fotang on their work in writing the Policy. Noted that the

Policy is relatively unchanged from the version the Committee previewed earlier. Invited the Committee to provide feedback as to the Policy's citations. Clarified that the Policy is new and not part of a renewal.

KIDD: Expressed concern that the Policy has uncited definitions. Inquired as to whether the Committee intends to standardise using preambles in all its policies.

FOTANG: Supported the use of preambles given that they provide students context to the policy.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee write a guide for writing and structuring bylaws in terms of their preambles, definitions, and content.

DRAPER: Determined to add citations to the definitions where possible.

FOTANG: Suggested that some of the Policy's definitions cannot be found in standard dictionaries.

DRAPER: Agreed with Fotang that dictionaries do not define concepts.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee make clear that policies should be backed with evidence from trusted sources, such as the University Copyright Office.

BRANDWEIN: Commended Draper on the Policy. Proposed revising the Policy to replace technical economics terms with their plain language equivalents.

DRAPER: Determined to act on Brandwein's proposal.

DRAPER/FOTANG MOVED to approve Open Education Policy 1st Principles.
CARRIED

2020-12/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2020-12/4a [Open Education Policy 1st Principles](#)

2020-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

MONTEIRO: Adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
KIDD/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-11-M.	CARRIED
KIDD/BATYCKI MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
DRAPER/FOTANG MOVED to approve Open Education Policy 1st Principles.	CARRIED