

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 8, 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)		Υ	
David Draper		Υ	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Rowan Ley		Υ	
Andrew Batycki		N	
Nathan Brandwein		Υ	
Simran Dhillon		Υ	
Talia Dixon		Υ	
Christian Fotang		N	

MINUTES (PC 2020-13)

2020-13/1 INTRODUCTION

2020-13/1a Call to Order

MONTEIRO: Called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

2020-13/1b Approval of Minutes

LEY/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-12-M.

CARRIED

2020-13/1c Approval of Agenda

LEY/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2020-13/1d Chair's Business

2020-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2020-13/2a Policy Updates

DRAPER: Updated that Open Education Policy Second Principles will be ready for Committee approval in January.

KIDD: Updated that Health and Wellness Policy Second Principles will be ready for Committee approval tomorrow.

2020-13/2b Winter Semester Meetings

MONTERIO: Determined to send a poll to determine the Committee's Winter Semester meeting schedule.

2020-13/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-13/3a Student Employment Policy Second Principles

BRANDWEIN: Noted that changes to the Policy occur in Resolutions 7-12. Noted that the sections between the new and old policy have been renumbered.

MONTERIO: Clarified that the renumbering is designed to make the Policy more comprehensible.

BRANDWEIN: Noted that changes to the Policy include advocating for the compensation for all internships in all job sectors, increasing the specificity for the work of the UAlberta Student Success Centre, clarifying the term tokenisation, and updating language to enhance inclusivity.

KIDD: Proposed that the Policy direct advocacy concerning ensuring fair compensation for interns to public authorities besides the federal government.

DRAPER: Agreed with Kidd. Determined to refer to 'all levels of government'.

LEY: Agreed with Kidd.

MONTERIO: Inquired as to whether Resolutions 4 and 12 should also refer to parties besides the federal government.

KIDD: Responded in the negative.

LEY: Expressed concern that Resolution 11 arbitrarily sets a range of maximums for work in reading 'The Students' Union shall advocate to the federal government for international students to be able to work between 25 and 30 hours per week during the academic year.'

DIXON: Expressed concern that the justification for the work maximum is xenophobic rhetoric concerning immigrants stealing jobs. Proposed abolishing the maximum restriction.

LEY: Proposed amending Resolution 11 to read 'The Students' Union shall advocate to the federal government to raise or abolish the cap on hours per week for international students to be able to work during the academic year.'

Proposed amending Resolution 10 to replace the phrase 'against the discrimination of students' with the phrase 'against discrimination towards students'.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that this amendment would cause Resolution 10 to be read to be referring to the discmintation of students based on student status instead of on other bases of discrimination.

LEY: Expressed concern that in the most literal reading of the phrase 'against the discrimination of students' is that students are engaging in discrimination.

DRAPER: Proposed that Resolution 10 read 'The Students' Union shall advocate to all levels of government against discrimination faced by students based on protected grounds by job recruiters or their employer.'

LEY: Agreed with Draper.

MONTERIO: Invited the Committee to comment if it does not support the inclusion of the non-exhaustive list in Resolution 3 reading 'Fair compensation for unpaid internships includes but is not limited to:

Cost of living expenses
Travel expenses
Credentialing
Acceptable working hours'

DRAPER/LEY MOVED to approve Student Employment Policy Second Principles CARRIED

2020-13/3b Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (PC-2020-01-M - PC-2020-10-M)

DRAPER/LEY MOVED to approve meeting minutes PC-2020-01-M - PC-2020-10-M.

CARRIED

2020-13/4a Student Employment Policy 2nd Principles

2020-13/4b <u>PC-2020-01-M</u>

2020-13/4b <u>PC-2020-02-M</u>

2020-13/4d <u>PC-2020-03-M</u>

2020-13/4e <u>PC-2020-04-M</u>

2020-13/4f PC-2020-05-M

2020-13/4g <u>PC-2020-06-M</u>

2020-13/4h PC-2020-07-M

2020-13/4i <u>PC-2020-08-M</u>

2020-13/4j <u>PC-2020-09-M</u>

2020-13/4k PC-2020-10-M

2020-13/4l <u>PC-2020-12-M</u>

2020-13/5 ADJOURNMENT

MONTEIRO: Adjourned the meeting at 5:39.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
LEY/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-12-M.	CARRIED
DRAPER/LEY MOVED to approve Student Employment Policy Second Principles	CARRIED
DRAPER/LEY MOVED to approve meeting minutes PC-2020-01-M - PC-2020-10-M.	CARRIED