

# POLICY COMMITTEE

# Wednesday, January20 , 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		Υ	
Rowan Ley		Υ	
Andrew Batycki		N	
Nathan Brandwein		Υ	
Simran Dhillon		Υ	
Talia Dixon		Υ	
Christian Fotang		N	

#### **MINUTES (PC 2020-14)**

**2020-14/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2020-14/1a Call to Order

MONTEIRO: Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2020-14/1b Approval of Minutes

LEY/DIXON MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-13-M.

**CARRIED** 

2020-14/1c Approval of Agenda

DRAPER/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the agenda. CARRIED

#### 2020-14/1d Chair's Business

#### 2020-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

#### 2020-14/2a Policy Updates

KIDD: Updated that the Campus Policing Policy is in development. Noted that the Policy is informed by student survey data and demographic data from University Protective Services. Anticipated that the Policy will be ready for Committee approval by March.

LEY: Clarified that SU Student Survey demographic data was lost due to a technical malfunction.

KIDD: Invited members of the Committee to support writing the Policy.

## 2020-14/2b New Polices

DIXON: Offered to support the creation of a Climate Policy.

KIDD: Offered to support the creation of a Climate Policy and a Student Poverty Policy. Considered that a Mental Health Policy will be completed by her successor.

MONTEIRO: Determined to lead the creation of a Climate Action Policy.

DRAPER: Determined to create an Assessment and Grading Policy.

LEY: Determined to lead the creation of a Student Housing Policy.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2020-14/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2020-14/3a DRAPER/LEY MOVED** to approve Second Principles of the Open Education Political Policy to be sent to Students' Council for final approval.

DRAPER: Noted that he consulted the University Libraries in drafting the Policy.

LEY: Commended Draper's work on the Policy. Considered that it is one of the most actionable policies of the SU.

**CARRIED** 

# **2020-14/3b DIXON MOVED** to approve Second Principles of the Nonpartisan Political Policy to be sent to Students' Council for final approval.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that Resolution 8 is too specific to be addressed in SU political policy.

LEY: Agreed with Draper.

DIXON: Expressed concern that the Policy is overbroad in that it would require the SU to stand in solidarity with all organisations aligned with their mandate.

DIXON: Proposed that the Policy read that the SU 'reserves the right to stand in solidarity with other unions where it advances the mandate of the SU.'

LEY: Proposed that the Policy read that the SU 'reserves the right to stand in solidarity with other unions where it aligns with the goals of the SU.' Suggested that 'alignment' is a superior term as it is more narrow in scope compared to 'mandate'.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that it is unclear as to whether Resolution 8 applies to the Executive and/or Council.

BRANDWEIN: Expressed concern that Resolution 9 is ironically partisan and difficult to understand.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee review the Policy in finer detail before seeking its approval.

MONTERIO: Agreed with Kidd.

DIXON: Invited the Committee to provide comprehensive feedback on the Policy before next meeting.

DRAPER: Determined to meet with Dixon to improve the Policy.

MONTEIRO: Determined to address 2020-14/3b at the next meeting.

2020-14/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2020-14/4a Open Education Policy - 2nd Principles

2020-14/4b Nonpartisan Policy - 2nd Principles

2020-14/5 ADJOURNMENT

MONTEIRO: Adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

**2020-14/5a Next Meeting**: February 3rd, 2021 @ 5:00PM

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
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LEY/DIXON MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-13-M.	CARRIED
DRAPER/BRANDWEIN MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
DRAPER/LEY MOVED to approve Second Principles of the Open Education Political Policy to be sent to Students' Council for final approval.	CARRIED