

**Wednesday, February 3 , 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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Submission of Written Feedback (If Absent)</b>
Abner Monteiro (Chair)		Y	
David Draper		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Rowan Ley		Y	
Andrew Batycki		Y	
Nathan Brandwein		Y	
Simran Dhillon		Y	
Talia Dixon		Y	
Christian Fotang		Y	

**MINUTES (PC 2020-15)**

**2020-15/1      INTRODUCTION**

**2020-15/1a      Call to Order**

MONTEIRO: Called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

**2020-15/1b      [Approval of Minutes](#)**

BRANDWEIN/LEY MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-14-M.  
CARRIED

**2020-15/1c**      **Approval of Agenda**

LEY/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.  
CARRIED

**2020-15/1d**      **Chair's Business**

**2020-15/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2020-15/2a**      Policy Updates

DRAPER: Updated that he is in progress of setting up a meeting for the team working on the Assessment and Grading Policy.

MONTEIRO: Updated that he is in progress of setting up a meeting for the team working on the Climate Action Policy.

KIDD: Updated that she has no progress to report on the Campus Policing Policy at this time.

**2020-15/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2020-15/3a**      **LEY/DIXON MOVED** to approve the Nonpartisan Political Policy Second Principles.

LEY: Considered that the Committee could delete §13 reading 'SU Executives will not be held accountable for partisan positions they held prior to taking office'. Suggested that it is not necessary to have the provision as anything not specifically addressed in the Policy is acceptable.

DRAPER: Suggested retaining §13 given that it provides additional clarity.

DIXON: Suggested that Council is becoming more partisan and, therefore, that the Committee should retain §13 for clarity in the event a dispute occurs about permissible partisanship.

LEY: Agreed with Dixon. Proposed deleting §9 given that it is redundant as non partisanship is previously defined in the Policy.

MONTEIRO: Agreed with Ley.

LEY: Proposed simplifying §14 to read 'Students' Union Councillors must behave in a non-partisan manner when acting in their capacity as Councillors. However, they are free to engage in partisan activities separate from their role on Students' Council.'

FOTANG: Inquired as to the meaning of the phrase 'will not be held accountable' appearing in §13.

DIXON: Responded that it intends to prevent executives from being sanctioned if they held partisan roles prior to being elected.

DRAPER: Proposed that §13 read 'Student Union executives will not be held accountable to this policy for partisan positions they held prior to taking office.'

FOTANG: Agreed with Draper.

CARRIED

**2020-15/3a Selection of Interim Chair for Meetings Between February 17 and March 3**

DRAPER nominated DHILLON: accepted

DHILLON is declared interim chair for the Committee for meetings occurring between Feb 17 and March 3.

**2020-15/4 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2020-15/4b [Nonpartisan Policy - 2nd Principles](#)**

**2020-15/5 ADJOURNMENT**

MONTEIRO: Adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm.

**2020-15/5a Next Meeting: February 17, 2021 @ 5:00PM**

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
BRANDWEIN/LEY MOVED to approve the minutes of PC-2020-14-M.	CARRIED
LEY/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
LEY/DIXON MOVED to approve the Nonpartisan Political Policy Second Principles.	CARRIED