

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

October 29, 2021

1:00pm

SUB 6-06 / [Google Meet](#)

ATTENDANCE

Name	Proxy	Present	Submission of Written Feedback (If Absent)
Emily Kay Motoska, chair		Y	
Simran Kaur Dhillon		Y	
Akanksha Yeola		Y	
Christopher Beasley		Y	
Ghalia Aamer		N	
Matin Koohkan		N	
Abner Monterio		Y	
Talia Dixon		Y	
Courtney Graham		N/A	

MINUTES (PC 2021-11)

2021-11/1 **Introduction**

2021-11/1a Call to Order

MOTOSKA CALLED the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

2021-11/1b Land Acknowledgement

2021-11/1c Approval of Agenda

YEOLA/DIXON MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2021-11/1d [Approval of Minutes](#)

YEOLA/DHILLON MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2021-11/1e Chair's Business

Check-in

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Question/Discussion Period

2021-11/2a

Student Addiction Support/Policy

DHILLON: Suggests, since who is doing what policy(ies) is being re-assigned during this meeting, that a Student Addiction Policy be added to the list of potential policies to work on.

DIXON: Agrees

BEASLEY: States that a Student Addiction Policy compliments the Clean Air Policy, as general harm reduction language regarding smoking could be included in the Student Addiction Policy.

MONTEIRO: Warns that, like the Policing Policy, there will be a lot of consultation involved, but believes that the extra consultation is worth it for the policy to be included.

MOTOSKA: States that more research about what is needed for the creation of a Student Addiction Policy is required before officially adding it to the list of potential policies for this year. More discussion regarding a possible Student Addiction Policy will be included on next meetings' agenda.

MONTEIRO: Agrees with Motoska. There shouldn't be a situation, similar to one last year, where a policy is drafted without questioning why it is needed, resulting in it and all the work towards it being scrapped.

2021-11/3 **Committee Business**

2021-11/3a **Policy Updates**

EDI Policy

DHILLON: States that the policy is finished and will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Experiential Learning Policy

MONTEIRO: The policy is complete, it only needs to be updated on the website.

Internationalization Policy

YEOLA: Gurbani will be joining next meeting to discuss the Internationalization Policy. The current timeline for completion is mid-November.

Mental Health Policy

DIXON: No updates.

Campus Policing Policy

DIXON: Needs more information about UAPS, that is not available to the public, in order to complete the policy. States that it has been difficult to get a meeting with UAPS/University, but there is currently a meeting scheduled for mid-November.

[Climate Policy - Second Principles](#)

DIXON: Some changes have occurred between the first and second principles. ASC needs to be consulted outside of the already completed consultation with SustainSU. While ASC seems to like the second principles of the Climate Policy, a further confirmation on their end is required. As such, a preliminary vote on

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the Second Principles of the Climate Policy could occur today and then be officialized at a later date, once ASC has given their official approval.

MONTEIRO: Questions the suggestion of why single use plastics should be removed by 2023 if the Climate Policy is not going to get renewed for another 5 years.

DIXON: Doesn't know why that date was used and suggests moving the total ban of single use plastic at the Students' Union to April 2027, to comply with the fact that the policy won't be renewed for another 5 years.

MONTEIRO: Argues again by asking what is stopping the enforcement of a single use plastic ban in 2023 besides the fact that the policy isn't going to be renewed for five years.

DIXON: Likes the idea of banning single use plastics by 2023, as it would force more immediate action from the University or become the first policy review in 2027.

COMMITTEE: Concurs with keeping the ban of single use plastics to 2023.

DIXON: Suggests updating the Climate Policy to support all student group climate initiatives as well as groups outside of the university.

MONTEIRO: Warns to be specific on wording regarding student group climate initiatives, as it could give SRAs the power to support groups outside of the university that do not necessarily reflect this committee's views of sustainability.

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DIXON: Suggests outlining that SRAs can support other groups so long as they support the defined concept of sustainability, as found in the Climate Policy.

MONTEIRO: Even if the Policy Committee approves the Climate Policy, changes can still be made until Students' Council on November 2nd, as amendments can be pending until then. Suggests continuing the conversation regarding wording through the weekend into the week of Students' Council.

MOTOSKA/MONTEIRO MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Climate Policy

CARRIED

2021-11/3b Remaining Policy Assignments
 Campus Saint-Jean
 Capital Projects
 Engagement
 Food
 Students in Governance

TABLED for next meeting due to time constraints.

2021-11/4 **Information Items**

2021-11/4a Confirmation of next meeting: Nov 12, 2021 @ 1:00pm

2021-11/5 **Adjournment**

MOTOSKA adjourns the meeting at 2:01 P.M.