



University of Alberta Students' Union  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**

**July 7th, 2022**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Google Meet**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųłiné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Haruun Ali		N
Rebeca Avila		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Christian Fotang		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
Ibukun Ojo		Y
Vedant Vyas		Excused
Courtney Graham		N/A

## MINUTES(PC-2022-02)

**2022-02/1**                    **INTRODUCTION (5 minutes)**

**2022-02/1a**                    **Call to Order**

FOTANG called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

**2022-02/1b**                    **Approval of Agenda**

**KAUR/OJO MOVE TO** amend the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**KAUR/AVILA MOVE TO** approve the agenda with amendments.

CARRIED

**2022-02/1c**                    **Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

**2022-02/1d**                    **Chair's Business**

FOTANG: Regrets for both VYAS and ALI. VYAS sent a proxy, but the proxy could not attend. However, because VYAS went through the due diligence of getting a proxy, their absence will be marked as excused.

Questions if LIU now has access to the Google Drive.

LIU: Informs the committee that they are still having access problems with the Policy Google Drive.

**2022-02/2**                    **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2022-02/3**                    **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2022-02/3a**                    • [Approval of Committee Action Plan](#)

FOTANG: The goal of the Committee Action Plan is to give the committee a plan of direction and ensure the committee is on track and working towards tangible goals. Meant to make effective use of committee time and provide structure for the entire year.

Originally, the plan was to have four goals, but the plan was cut to the three following goals:

#1 Update all political policies that will expire by the end of the year.

#2 Determine the best course of action to consult the student body about political policies

#3 Evaluate Executive Committee advocacy efforts

There is general concern from the committee about time commitment and having concrete deadlines in place for policy completion. There is also the suggestion to include one team member who will spearhead policy drafting for each specific policy.

FOTANG: To help achieve goal #2, suggests creating a sub-working group in Policy Committee, which will be guided by the Governance Manager.

DHILLON: Questions how the sub-committee will be selected.

FOTANG: States the selection process will occur at the next meeting.

OJO: Questions if the completion date for Goal #2 should be set after Week of Welcome.

FOTANG: Agrees, saying that it is a busy time for everyone. Moves the completion date to September 15th.

Questions the committee how they would like the executives to be evaluated on their advocacy efforts in regards to Goal #3.

DHILLON: Suggests that the executives come to a Policy Committee meeting at the end of every trimester to discuss what they have worked on in regards to political policies.

OJO: Questions if a Q&A would satisfy the requirements of an “in-depth” examination of the executives’ advocacy

FOTANG: Leaves it to the committee to decide, recognizing a conflict of interest.

OJO: Suggests a one page report and a 5 minute presentation from the executives at the end of each trimester.

FOGUE: Questions if the committee could give the executives direction on what they want in the presentation and where the resolutions are at.

FOTANG: Adds that it would be beneficial for the committee to give specific direction on what specific policies that they want the executives to talk about. Suggests that the executives have 25 minutes for presentation, which will be allocated amongst themselves how they choose. Then they would have time for 15 minutes of questions.

FOGUE: Questions if the executives would be talking about the policies they are working on or policies that they are trying to add more to.

FOTANG: Suggests that it is hard to plan exactly what to present as the committee may have questions that are outside of the presentation scope. Suggests that the committee provides the executives with what they want out of the presentation and the executives can choose what they want to present based on that.

**KAUR/ DHILLON MOVE TO** approve the Policy Committee Action Plan  
CARRIED

2022-02/3b

- [Approve Editorial Reviews](#)
  - **Omnibus Motion**

FOTANG: The following policies have completed Editorial Reviews:

Mental Health  
Assessment and Grading  
Experiential Learning  
Academic Materials  
Deferred Maintenance  
Food Security  
Campus Saint Jean  
Campus Safety and Security  
Capital Projects

**DHILLON/OJO MOVE TO** omnibus approve all completed Editorial Reviews  
CARRIED

COMMITTEE: Will work with GRAHAM to finalise the grammar and formatting updates, made to the policies, to ensure that these changes are reflected on the SU website.

2022-02/3c

- [Assign Policies that need to be renewed](#)

**Augustana** - Simran (lead), Joannie  
**Indigenous Students** - Joannie, Gurleen (lead), Lionel  
**Tuition** - Christian, Gurleen, Ibukun (lead)  
**Residence** - Lionel, Joannie (lead), Ibukun  
**Public Transit** - Simran, Rebeca (lead), Christian  
Student Space - Ibukun, Rebeca  
**Sexual Violence** - Joannie (lead), Christian, Gurleen  
Student Addiction - Simran (lead)  
Quality Instruction - Gurleen, Lionel

FOTANG: The policies that will be focused on over the summer will be: Augustana, Indigenous Students, Residence and Public Transit.

Tuition and Sexual Violence can be worked on based on capacity.

**2022-02/4**

**Next Meeting:** July 15th, 2022  
Interim Chair: Simran Dhillon

**OJO/AVILA MOVE TO** make Simran Dhillon the interim chair for the July 15th meeting of Policy Committee.  
CARRIED

**2022-02/4a**

FOTANG adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Outstanding Action Items:

Date	Topic	Action	Completed (yes or no)
2022/06/28	Meeting Time	Find a next meeting time	Yes
2022/06/09	Edits	Review and approve edits to policy	Yes/Ongoing
2022/06/30	Strat Plan	Approve strat plan	Yes