



## POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

2011 - 2012 # 02

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**Date:** Monday, June 6, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**In Attendance:**

**Fehr (CHAIR), Way (Proxy for Kuzmu), Yamagishi, Woods, Liang (Proxy for Lepage Fortin), Khinda, Csorba, Iskander**

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**Excused Absence:**

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**Others in Attendance:**

**Cheema**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by FEHR at 6:08PM.
  
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *FEHR/WOODS* moved to remove PAD from discussion items to announcements.  
8/0/0 CARRIED
  
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *LIANG/KHINDA* moved that the *May 23, 2011* minutes be approved.  
8/0/0 CARRIED
  
- 4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** FEHR: The committee will look at policies and P.A.D as it pertains to each executive member.
  
- 5. PRESENTATIONS**
  
- 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS** CSORBA:
  - Discussion of academic goals; including digital books.
  - 2/3 the cost of normal text, yet still some problems.
  - Arts faculty created the work experiences program.
  - International students, discussion of the foundation year, Bridge Program as an alternative.
  - In regards to quality instruction, there is focus on the Assessment and Grading Policy which is at a good stage thus far.
  - CSORBA was appointed as co-chair of the CLE Committee - very

important for Council as he is a student chairing a university committee.

- Research: working on Symposium as well as incorporating the two undergraduate journals on campus, Eureka and Constellations into the symposium.
- LIANG: Raised concerns that these journals are only for arts students.
- WOODS: Will the bridge program increase enrollment of international students?
- YAMAGISHI: Slightly. Basically recruitment will be better
- CSORBA: Will present a few ideas on the Research Policy Renewal for the next meeting on *June 20, 2011*. Currently the research policy has lots of reference to teaching; therefore there are thoughts of changing the name. On a final note, be it resolved that the SU and the University act to enhance the visibility of undergraduate research. One way to do that is through the Symposium or increased funding to research journals.

CSORBA leaves.

YAMAGISHI:

- Affordable Housing Policy; there is not much that can be done. The Meal Plan is most prudent for students.
- We can look at the GST exemption; the reason we get it is because of the minimum meal plan. However that is not the case. There is talk of receiving a \$200 rebate if the entire plan is not used.
- Regarding the Capital Project, the only item of concern is the PAW Centre. Student contributions cannot total over \$30 million; the maximum is \$29 per student per semester. Discussion of the Deferred Maintenance cost.
- ISKANDER: The University has historically built it up; it is a deficit. Not appropriate to charge us for this. Essentially it is a liability appearing on our balance sheet. Estimated number is \$1 billion. Not characteristic of most universities since they do not develop this deficit.
- YAMAHISHI: CoSSS fee will not be coming up for renewal soon. Working on that will begin in the second semester.
- Spring/Summer UPASS: ETS is good but there is trouble with the 3 municipalities. Efforts will be made to lobby city councilors and municipalities.
- Regarding Sustainability, working with Ian Ward with ECOS in trying to change the name. Also, the Deliberation on Campus Sustainability is basically an overarching document using deliberative democracy – like a roundtable discussion.

CHEEMA:

- Capital Projects include the PAW Centre. The referendum was passed in 2010 and it is our job to make sure that what was in the referendum is captured in the fee agreement. The design process is the other side.
- For MNIF's, looking into the interaction between the University Health Services Fee and the Student Services fee. Recently the health centre is encompassing more student services than has been in the past.
- Student space was brought up, especially regarding the FDC and the FDC subcommittee.
- CHEEMA's tour of the PowerPlant is brought up. Dewey's has been around for a few years and the short term renewal is expiring at end of the year. Looking into options to develop space and to get permanent student space. Currently sharinh space with the Graduate Students Association and they need to be okay with it. CHEEMA states that the "top dog" wants to give us that space.

**7. QUESTION PERIOD**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Renewal of Engagement Political Policy: ISKANDER explains that if the motion passes, we go into the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading principles are the 'be it resolved' clauses.

LIANG/WOODS moved to approve the first reading based on these principles:

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7/0/0 CARRIED

YAMAGISHI's two principles will go on the first reading. The consensus regarding the wording is to not work on it.

YAMAGISHI/WOODS moved to approve YAMAGIHI's principles.

7/0/0 CARRIED

**10. DISCUSSION**

*June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 6PM*

**11. NEXT MEETING**

WOODS/LIANG moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at ~ 8:15 PM.

7/0/0 CARRIED

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

WOODS/LIANG moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at ~ 8:15 PM.

7/0/0 CARRIED

