



Policy Committee MINUTES

2011 - 2012 # 4

Date: July 4, 2011

Time: 6:04 PM

In Attendance:

Csorba, Fehr, Woods, Way (Kusmu), Zinyemba (Khinda), Lepage Fortin, Iskandar, Yamagishi, Karuvelil

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

Cheema

**1. CALL TO
ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by *Fehr* at 6:05 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

CSORBA/ISKANDAR moved that the *June 20, 2011* agenda be approved.
Vote on Motion 9/0/0
CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Yamagishi/CSORBA moved that the *June 6, 2011* minutes be approved as *amended*.
Vote on Motion 9/0/0
CARRIED.

**4.
PRESENTATIONS**

**5. COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

CSORBA VPA Report

ISKANDER VPX Report

YAMAGISHI VPSL Report

6. QUESTIONS

Way asked Cheema: what contract he was referring to in his report? **Cheema responded:** The agreement between the S.U and U of A in order to build the PAW Centre.

Karuvelil: I hear there shall be no new residence (in reference to proposed

downtown arena).

Fortin: The U of A was not involved in that, it was Grant Macewan and Nait.

Way: What is the purpose of creating the Residence Governance System?

Cheema/Yamagishi: Lister management team has to executives from LHSA, a floor coordinator. The current Residence Services system does not give voting power to students, the new system will allow students to vote.

Way: Would the Residence Governance System make decisions concerning Aramark?

Yamagishi: Decisions concerning Aramark are left up to Ancillary Services.

Woods (to Iskander): are you going to be meeting with all the candidates.

Iskander: I sent invitations to all.

Fortin (to Cheema): Where is the 5% saved from GST on the Residence Meal Card going to go?

Cheema: This is 5% saved directly at point of sale which is already being done at Lister Hall Food Court.

Yamagishi: Is the understanding that they can give exemption because students are on campus?

Cheema: Excise Tax Act has “meal plan” in there.

Way: Is there any chance to expand the tax past Sub and other services in SUB?

Cheema: Aramark already does that, it is unprofitable for the other small businesses to do that (e.g. in HUB).

Fehr: Why did we bring in BIRTS last week? When its only meant to be the principles?

Fortin: It’s easier to build principles that way.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Csorba/Woods moved that the Policy Committee recommend that Students’ Council adopt the Research Policy in first reading under principles outlined in agenda

Vote on Motion 9/0/0

Yamagishi/Zinyemba moved that the Policy Committee recommend that Students’ Council adopt the Engagement Policy in second reading under the principles outlined in the agenda

Vote on Motion 9/0/0

8. NEW BUSINESS

Yamagishi/Csorba moved that the Policy Committee recommend that the Students’ Council adopt the Affordable Housing Policy in first reading under the principles outlined in the agenda

Vote on motion 9/0/0

9. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

International Students Policy Renewal

-It was generally decided that clearer transfer credit system, preferably one of pre-approval should be on this policy, as well as lobbying to the Federal Government to remove the \$150 required for international students to apply for off campus work permits and allow multiple entry visas.

-Csorba would bring principles to Policy for approval

Creation of Food Policy Discussion

-General thoughts concerned whether a food policy was lobby-able, and it was agreed that there were various channels through which it could be lobbied. It was agreed that Yamagishi and Way would be able to draft the principles

Discussion on a Smoking Policy

- Councillor Zinyemba presented a short, researched document with some facts and figures concerning smoking and smoking outdoors

- Highly interesting debate during which a plebiscite from 2006 asking students whether or not they would support a tobacco ban on campus, a smoke free campus etc. in which students voted 80% in favour of motions presented. The Students Union did not/was unable to follow up.

- Further debate concerned whether or not a policy was actually required to effect change or could infrastructural methods be used, such as drawing lines demarcating where 5m away from a building was, or even getting support from various groups on campus, such as Students for a Smoke Free Campus Initiative which has held meeting all across campus.

- It was decided that members present would forward questions to the chair concerning their thoughts, not on a policy, but on the idea of smoking regulations on campus.

10. REPORTS

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. NEXT MEETING

July 18, 2011 6:00PM

13. ADJOURNMENT

ISKANDAR/YAMAGISHI moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on Motion 9/0/0
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.