



POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

2010 - 2011 #

Date: August 2, 2011

Time: 6.21 pm

In Attendance:

Andrew Fehr (Chair)

Nikki Way

Adam Woods

Farid Iskandar

Emerson Csorba

Colten Yamagishi

Avinash Karuvelil (Skype)

Navneet Khinda

Sadiq Sumar

Excused Absence:

NIL

Others in Attendance:

Su Su Liang

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by FEHR at 6.21 pm.
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** WOODS moved that the August 2nd agenda be approved.
Seconded by CSORBA.
Vote on Motion 9/0/0.
CARRIED.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** WOODS amended minutes to include 'renovations' instead of 'deferred maintenance' in the first question to Yamagishi during the question period.
The 5th question was not asked by WOODS.
WAY moved that the July 18 minutes be approved as amended.
The motion was seconded by WOODS.
Vote on Motion 9/0/0.
CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS KUSMU may be returning on August 15th.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS NIL

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VPA – CSORBA

Quality Instruction - After speaking to two other subcommittee chairs, it was accepted that a student at-large position will be added to the committee.

There are still two faculties (Arts and Science) that have not confirmed their representatives for the CLE Subcommittee.

Research – Though the symposium planning committee has close to 20 members, there are still spots available for anyone who is interested. The first meeting will be on August 6th.

The VPA was pleased to announce that two of CASA top priorities focus on undergraduate research.

Student Engagement - The faculty associations' preparation for orientation is progressing well.

International students - Discussions about the creation of a International student association are still on going. Currently, persons involved are considering whether it will stand alone from the SU or serve as an advisory body.

The VPA attended a Transfer Credit Task Force meeting where the committee members discussed and determined what the focus will be for the next few months.

VPSL – YAMAGISHI

Capital Projects – After meeting with the GSA, the VPSL discovered that the GSA goals for the PAW Centre project align very closely with the Students' Union's proving them to an important ally.

Engagement- After volunteering for the Campus Food Bank, the VPSL encouraged executives to attend community service events to help promote responsible citizenship.

International Students – YAMAGISHI has been in contact with Doug Weir and Raymond Matthias from UAI with regard to the International students' association.

Public Transit – ETS are planning to start late night service from Whyte Avenue to Southgate in the Fall.

The VPSL will soon start working on putting out a survey to

Spring/Summer students regarding the Spring/Summer U-Pass.

Student Space – The VPSL will be releasing a report regarding his trip to Toronto later this week.

Sustainability – A collaboration agreement has been signed between the Office of Sustainability and Sustain SU. The SU will be collaborating closely with OS during this year’s Week of Welcome.

VPX - ISKANDAR

The VPX announced that the Policy and Strategy Conference was held from July 24th to July 28. The President and the director of research and political affairs also accompanied him to the conference. This year the University of Alberta lobbied on the following 6 goals

1. Removal of Book Importation Regulation/Make textbooks GST exempt
2. Copyright reform
3. International Student Visas and Work Permits
4. Increase funding for Canada Student Grant Program
5. Increase funding for Undergraduate Research through the Tri-Council funding
6. Full funding of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) for First Nations

All six University of Alberta asks made it to the policy framework. (see diagram on report for more details)

7. OLD BUSINESS

International Students Policy for 2nd reading

The name of the policy was changed to *Internationalization*. The name change is in effect because of the need to for this policy to address not only students from abroad coming to Canada, but also Canadian students going abroad.

The word ‘decreases’ in the sixth *whereas* clause was changed to ‘limits’. The fourth, fifth and eighth *whereas* clauses were removed while the following three were added;

WHEREAS studying abroad is a unique and highly valuable experience that all University of Alberta Students should be able to access;

WHEREAS the transfer credit system plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of internationalization at the University of Alberta;

WHEREAS the Public Post-Secondary Institutions Tuition Fees Regulation makes no provisions for international student differential fees;

CSORBA moved that upon the recommendation of the policy committee, Students' Council approve Bill #_ that Students' Council update the political policy *Internationalization* based on the following principles:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience

The motion was seconded by WOODS.

Vote on motion 9/0/0.

CARRIED.

YAMAGISHI moved that upon the recommendation of the policy committee, Students' Council approve Bill #_that Students' Council update the political policy *Engagement* based on the following principles:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the larger community.

The motion was seconded by SUMAR.

Vote on Motion 9/0/0.

CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Food Policy – The policy is in its initial stages. However, so far, the focus will be on three main principles; Quality and nutrition, variety and dietary restrictions, affordability. Discussions about a fourth principle are ongoing. WAY and YAMAGISHI will meet to draft the principles and then present them to the committee.

9. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

NIL

10. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

12. NEXT MEETING August 22, 2011 @ 6 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT SUMAR moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by ISKANDAR
Vote on Motion 9/0/0.
CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm.