



POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

2011 - 2012 # 10

Date: October 4, 2011

Time: 6:34 pm

In Attendance:

PETROS KUSMU (Chair)

COLTEN YAMIGISHI

ANDREW FEHR

RAPHAEL LEPAGE FORTIN

ADAM WOODS

AVINASH KARUVELIL

NAVNEET KHINDA

FARID ISKANDAR (6:50 pm)

Excused Absence:

EMERSON CSORBA

Others in Attendance:

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by *KUSMU* at 6:34 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA *KUSMU* amended the agenda to exclude “*Executive Committee Reports: VPA report and VPX report*”, “*New Business: Food Policy in First reading*”, and “*Discussion: Smoking Ban Policy*”

FEHR moved that the *October 4, 2011* agenda be approved as *amended*.

Seconded by *KARUVELIL*.

Vote on Motion 7 / 0 / 2
CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *KARUVELIL* amended minutes...(2of9) to say “*CSJ*” instead of “*CFJ*”

FEHR amended minutes...(3of9) to say “*Have you discussed smart card technology with ETS recently?*” instead of “*smart card, does the city support*”

it?

KHINDA amended minutes...(4of9) to exclude “*There are a lot of companies such as Starbucks – they say they are fair trade, but they are not.*”

WOODS amended minutes...(6of9) to say “*I want to know the research before we pass policies” instead of “ I want to know before we pass policies”?*

LEPAGE FORTIN amended minutes...(8of9) to say “*Publicites” instead of “ Publicities”*

KARUVELIL amended minutes...(9of9) to say “*KARUVELIL” instead of “ AVINASH”*

WOODS moved that the *September 20, 2011* minutes be approved as amended.

The motion was seconded by *KHINDA*.

Vote on Motion 7 / 0 / 2
CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS *None*

**5. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

To VSPL – YAMAGISHI

YAMAGISHI: In regards to affordable housing, lister is doing a price comparison. Things like Booster juice in lister may cost more than the Booster Juice down the street and we want to research these price differentials. Discriminatory graffiti was found in Hub. The Hub security wants to lock the side doors after 11 o’clock and provide one card access.
KARUVELIL: What about the other doors, are they going to lock all the doors?

YAMAGISHI: You have to have the one card. I don’t see much a problem with it, students don’t usually go there at that time.
(Continuing with the report)...They want to renovate Classic Lister. They did a report on the H1N1 virus. It’s because they washing machine and the kitchen are in the same room: washing machine with infected clothes, the virus gets into your KD and the virus spreads. They want to get new furniture, right now they are gross, they want it to have a homey feel. Andy sent in our final recommendations for PAW and recommended the creation of a pedway to sub. We are looking to have panic buttons in the peer support centre. The Campus food bank renovation is going really slow. We can get it done hopefully over Christmas. Property taxes (deferred maintenance) taxes, they are taking about. They want to talk about how they can reduce property taxes. I haven’t gotten the email yet. I got to pie

Cheema at the Relay for Life. I also attended the toga party. I will be talking about dodge ball for the rest of the year. Registrar's welcome centre project. All the rest, you can read it, it's not too important...well its important but it's not new. It's not our job to do microwaves. The faculty or whoever is in charge is supposed to do it. We did it the first time but I don't want it to be the SUs job.

WOODS: Did Farid met with the director of ancillary services?

YAMAGISHI: No, Adi did.

WOODS: What are they doing about the water situation in Tory?

KHINDA: They fixed it. All he did was email them and they didn't know about it.

LEPAGE FORTIN: They said that no one emails them. You are supposed to let them know because they don't want anyone to be hurt.

FEHR: PAW centre - is it not connected to sub at all? I was under the impression that it was kinda on the side.

YAMAGISHI: No.

KARUVELIL: it kinda goes in between butterdome and van vliet.

FEHR: I am pretty sure I know where it is, but it's not connected?

YAMAGISHI: its between van vliet and sub

KUSMU: where is it supposed to be?

(*YAMAGISHI* explains using map)

FEHR: So it is an atrium right here?

KARUVELIL: You don't have closed doors

LEPAGE FORTIN: Yes you do.

YAMAGISHI: This report is really long and boring. (using pictures, explains to the committee members): bike library, north entrance towards sub, student lounge placement, covering on the old wall (van vliet) open space, yoga studios, looking into the main gym and glass it off. Work out area, work out equipment, around the climbing wall.

KHINDA: When is all of this supposed to be finished?

YAMAGISHI: A few years.

FEHR: You mentioned that, you and Emerson are going to the conference, I am curious on how the exec decide what trips you go on.

YAMAGISHI: Emerson wants to go to the office of sustainability courses. He wants to learn a conference session. We find something we like, and then we make a conference request to the exec. Then we have to come up with the budget.

KUSMU: Any other questions? I have one: In response to the derogatory vandalism, the university is going to put in place the security system. Are you content with this?

YAMAGISHI: The university didn't like that, they weren't too happy about random people harassing other people. I am fully in favour of it.

KUSMU: Why do you have to let students go in? There have been sexual assaults. You can go to sub or hub during exams.

YAMAGISHI: The hub community association didn't want students to be there. I know I lot if students study in Rutherford. Students can use that

space.

KUSMU: what is the timeline on this like?

YAMAGISHI: I don't really know.

KUSMU: So there are still talks about it?

YAMAGISHI: Yes. If you want more information, talk to Adi, Doug, Dima Utgoff who is the director.

LEPAGE FORTIN: which doors people do people have access to? The only concern is that during winter, that is where people to go to see all the buses. The concern is that place is highly used.

WOODS: What if any one card can access just the mall?

LEPAGE FORTIN: too many side doors

WOODS: What about students who stay late and study, they don't want to go out in the cold.

6. OLD BUSINESS

ACADEMIC MATERIALS POLICY:

ISKANDAR: First WHERE AS clause is exactly the same. Second WHERE AS clause is different, I elaborated and put some numbers in them. 3 and 4 - the same. 5 and 6 are different, I won't go through them, and you can read them. You can decide if these numbers are relevant enough to be on the policy. Clauses 6 and 7, are facts and they are kind of relevant, you let me know if they are relevant enough to be on the policy

KUSMU: I put up new to the left, the old to the right.

LEPAGE FORTIN: If you notice the policies from last year, they really pushed not to have facts in them. They try to keep them as general as possible so it is easier to renew them. I like this. It is very precise, accurate, and the numbers are very relevant.

WOODS: For the LAST BE IT RESOLVED clause: it's a grammar thing, is it supposed to be price premiums?

ISKANDAR: Yes, it is price premiums.

WOODS: Any word on when the copyright bill is getting passed?

ISKANDAR: At the end of the year.

WOODS: They haven't changed anything, have they?

ISKANDAR: I haven't read it, no.

FEHR: Farid, how do you feel about taking out the numbers, since the policy committee has taken them out last year?

LEPAGE FORTIN: They just wanted to make it more general: instead of saying increasing, they would say has been on the rise. I think the numbers are relevant.

ISKANDAR: I don't feel strongly one way or the other. The arguments you make when lobbying are different from the WHERE AS clauses.

LEPAGE FORTIN: The numbers are ridiculous

KUSMU amended the clause to say "increases have exceeded"

WOODS: Numbers are a good thing though. The numbers make it stronger

how ridiculous this is.

KUSMU: Where does the last BE IT RESOLVED clause come from?

ISKANDAR: A Canadian title, if it is being imported to Canada, the importer is legally allowed to add 10% if it is from the U.S. and 15% if it is from any other part of the world.

KUSMU: This policy is longer than then last one. This is double the size of the original one. So I am trying to see if we can shorten it. The last question I will ask before we close this: is it this necessary to go this in detail, can we make it more flexible for the VPX to play with?

ISKANDAR: The last ones did not include me in any way. I am perfectly fine with removing the 5th and 6th clauses. I just put them in there because we talk about book importation and have a respective WHERE AS clause. We don't talk about text book GST exemption what so ever.

KUSMU: Any other thoughts?

FEHR: I really like the GST one, it's a really good point.

ISKANDAR moved that the Academic Materials Policy be passed.

Seconded by *LEPAGE FORTIN*

Vote: 8/0/1

YAMAGISHI: What does the election mean to the students of the University of Alberta?

ISKANDAR: we met with Allison and she understands the problem with the fees. She understands that we need to have some sort of solution. In her PSE platform, she has promised to increase funds for aboriginal students, Increase Alberta's participation rate. Mike lake is the person in charge of taking new copyright bill. Apparently according to Brent. Lake understands the problem.

KUSMU: what is the progress on the lobby training program?

ISKANDAR: I haven't looked at it.

KUSMU: when do you want it to be?

ISKANDAR: November.

**7. DISCUSSION AND
INFORMATION
ITEMS**

KUSMU: Progress on the food policy, Nikki and Colton are having a hard time finding the definition for organic.

8. REPORTS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

10. NEXT MEETING

Date: *Tuesday October 18, 2011. Time: 6:30pm.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

FEHR moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *WOODS*.

Vote on Motion 8 / 0 / 1
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm