



COMMITTEE NAME MINUTES

2011 - 2012 # meeting number

Date: January 17, 2012

Time: 6:40 PM

In Attendance:

ADAM WOODS(6:44PM)

COLTEN YAMAGISHI

ANDREW FEHR

KINNAR POWER

PETROS KUSMU (Chair)

FARID ISKANDAR

NAVNEET KHINDA

EMERSON CSORBA

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

NIKKI WAY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by *KUSMU* at 6:40 PM.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *YAMAGISHI* moved that the *January 17, 2012* agenda be approved as *tabled*.
Seconded by *POWER*.
Vote on Motion 8 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *POWER* amended minutes... (3 of 6) to say "*FOOD POLICY – FURTHER DISCUSS ABOUT FAIR TRADE CLAUSE*" instead of "*FOOD POLICY – FURHTER DISCUSS ABOUT FAIR TRADE CLASUE*"
YAMAGISHI amended action item summary and summary report to council to say "*Food Policy be recommended*" instead of "*Food Policy – Second Draft be passed*"
WOODS moved that the *November 29, 2012* minutes be approved as

amended.

The motion was seconded by *KHINDA*.

Vote on Motion 6 / 0 / 2

CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS *None*

**5. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

TO VPA - CSORBA

CSORBA: My report is similar to the Council report.

Research: Collaborating with Universiade Campinas in Brazil to set up an exchange system for students. The U of A opened direct Alumni funding to Undergraduate Research, I am working on a summary report for the 2011 Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Student Engagement: Co-Captained the Antifreeze team, the Reindicks. It was the biggest comeback in history, it beat orientation. Other than that, there is the video blog with colt, I am organizing CRAM 2012 and the conference is happening online.

The Graduate Students Attributes Plan is almost finished.

YAMIGISHI: How do you know it was the biggest comeback in history?

CSORBA: I assume it was.

TO VPX - ISKANDAR

ISKANDAR: This year will really prove a pinnacle for the non-instructional fees, to recap, I will send an outline of a process for implementing non instructional fees. We are not very happy with consultation. We asked the minister to tell us on what grounds he would or would not accept the proposal. We are going to play this out as far as possible. The next step is That Rory is going to try to amend that motion. We have almost two contradictory motions going on and then we can decide. We have a plan for win or lose.

TO VPSL – YAMAGISHI

YAMAGISHI: Not much to report.

The Students' Union and the RHA have been working with Residence Services to try and get a room transfer for one of our WUSC students from Schaffer Hall to a four-person unit in HUB. WUSC can't afford a Schaffer room We are trying to make sure that we won't have dip into the WUSC contingency reserve. PAW still pretty slow. On the design side, we are having good movements. 5 thousand dollars to put towards microwaves. Deferred Maintenance: the University is getting close to paying of its building mortgages mortgage. I will be trying to promote Golden Bears and Panda Athletics. We are also creating the first draft of the Spring/Summer U-Pass referendum question in bylaw committee today and my Styrofoam efforts are going good.

POWER: Where on Whyte Ave. does the public transit start?

YAMAGISHI: Not too sure where, but I think it is by where Hudson's is.

POWER: where can we offer input?

YAMAGISHI: If you go to the website (night ride) they should have it. I haven't taken it but some of my friends but they said it was pretty good. You can send an e-mail.

KUSMU: in regards to VPX and to the pad: What is the progress on student loans? When you were having this meeting with ASEC folks, have you bought that up? what is the progress?

ISKANDAR: If you own a vehicle that costs more than 5 thousand dollars, it costs against you when you are applying for student loans. We are working to remove that. Does not affect Alberta but it does affect all the other provinces. That was one of the two things. The other one was grants for aboriginal students. PSSSP said look into providing loans for aboriginal students. Working to remove parental contribution. Governing party likes it but it's really expensive to happen. We have lobbied on increasing grants. Do I see it happening soon, no. We need 80 million dollars' worth of grants.

WAY: What is happening with Get Out to Vote?

ISKANDAR: Planned for March 1st to 31st right now. We are planning to organize training for the volunteer session, and then session, and then simple things like classroom talks. We don't want to lose momentum like Calgary did. Calgary needs to revive. What we want to do is go up slowly so that people are not going to be bored.

WAY: What happens if the elections are post finals or even during the finals?

ISKANDAR: The way we worded it on the pledge is that we have the right to call them and remind them. We are going to have trouble finding all the volunteers to do the phone calls. I think at the latest it is going to be at the end of April. The latest would be mid-April. I suspect it is going to be on the first. March first.

KUSMU: One thing that falls underneath the VPA and VPX is the co-op and internship policy. Going back to you earlier statement. Your reports are not published online. From past memory: I don't remember seeing co-ops and inters talked about. What are you guys working on with regards to that?

CSORBA: I talked about that in the beginning of the year, if you bring some things to me, then I could do something about that.

ISKANDAR: I have done nothing on It, maybe mildly related but nothing exactly. Externships are sending people abroad to do internships. In a meeting with SKIP, there was talk about a grant of thousand dollars. CAUSE and ASEC should talk about including undergrads for externship.

6. OLD BUSINESS

FOOD POLICY

WAY: Looks like you guys made several amendments. The one that is attached is not the amended one. It says that you all occurrences of food was changed to food and beverage but in clause 5, it still says food. Your minutes say that you changed, the amendments are not there. This is not the latest update.

KUSMU: So we are still stuck with the original problem...

WAY: The one that you have attached is the one we used to present.

YAMAGISHI: do you want to put this on the screen so we can put the amendments there first? One thing I know for sure that didn't get added was the definition for local which was one hundred kilometers.

FEHR: I thought we decided not to.

YAMAGISHI: It says here that we can take it to council and based on their

recommendations, we could have a second reading. So I guess we decided not to.

WAY: so what have we just changed?

FEHR: I am not sure what the problem was but I it looks like it's mostly the same.

WAY: An amendment was made to say fair trade certified, but the one just says just fair trade.

KUSMU: So is that point 5? Food and beverage?

YAMAGISHI: The only one I can see is fair trade certified.

WAY: The reason that I bought this up is that I haven't seen a lot of these amendments.

KUSMU: Let's just try to match it up.

POWER: I think if you look at the amendments that I made: We decided on the first one and then changed it to say what the second one says.

FEHR: I think it is the same except I forgot to put certified in it. I apologize.

KUSMU: Is everyone ok with just inserting that word? We are done food policy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY

YAMAGISHI: The main areas to focus on are physical and mental health. Physical health: exercise and diet, hygiene. Mental health in its relation to academic success as well as distress. I think we do this the same way as the food policy.

WOODS: We could start hashing things out. Its better if we think about it and come back.

WAY: It would be beneficial to consult UHC and not be ignorant.

ISKANDAR: What was the name of the survey that gave us the numbers for health?

YAMAGISHI: The National College Health Assessment

ISKANDAR: They don't have physical space to put any more people in there. We should see what the ratio is right now.

WOODS: I like Nikki's idea about talking to other people first.

POWER: We should consult with the UHC.

FEHR: Do you feel at this point there can be more councilors?

ISKANDAR: Mental health won't be solved by councilors, it is a big deal, there are financial reasons, academic reasons. For the purpose of this policy we should aim for the little things.

WOODS: wasn't the ratio ridiculously low?

YAMAGISHI: I think it's like 15 now?

8. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

10. NEXT MEETING *31 January, 2012 at 6:30 PM*

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

Vote on Motion 8 / 0 / 0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.