



**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

2011 - 2012 # *meeting number*

Date: March 6th, 2012

Time: 6:42 PM

In Attendance:

ANDREW FEHR (Chair)

KINNAR POWER

NAVNEET KHINDA

EMERSON CSORBA

LYNDON CRONE

Excused Absence:

ADAM WOODS

COLTEN YAMAGISHI

PETROS KUSMU

FARID ISKANDAR

Others in Attendance:

JANINE

CHAKKA ZINYEMBA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by *FEHR* at 6:42 PM.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *CRONE* moved that the *MARCH 6, 2012* agenda be approved as *tabled*.
Seconded by *POWER*.
Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *CRONE* moved that the approval of the *February 28, 2012* minutes be postponed to *March 20, 2012*.
The motion was seconded by *POWER*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0

CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS *None*

**5. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

TO VPA - CSORBA

CSORBA: It is great to see so many students running for executive positions, I am getting everything sorted out for the next VPA. It's going to be the best transition ever. I'm about to get going on a final report for the 2011 Undergraduate Research Symposium, and am also tying up the loose ends from this event (mostly small financial things).

FEHR: When is the International Students Association going to be up and running?

CSORBA: End of term, may be slower.

6. OLD BUSINESS

SMOKING POLICY – Second Reading

POWER amended the Smoke Free Environment Policy (Second Reading)...(4th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) contains many known carcinogens" *instead of* "WHEREAS Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is a known carcinogen"

ZINYEMBA amended the Smoke Free Environment Policy (Second Reading)...(7th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS the University of Alberta is subject to, but not limited to, provincial and municipal legislation regarding smoking" *instead of* "WHEREAS the Government of Alberta does not allow smoking: in public buildings, on children's playgrounds, on patios or porches of restaurants, or within 5m of any entrance to such buildings"

CSORBA amended the Smoke Free Environment Policy (Second Reading)...(8th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "Campus Saint-Jean" *instead of* "Campus Saint Jean"

ZINYEMBA amended the Smoke Free Environment Policy (Second Reading)...(9th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS a campus-wide ban could potentially place members of the campus community in unsafe situations" *instead of* "WHEREAS a campus-wide ban would have a high potential of could potentially placing members of the campus community in risky situations"

FEHR proposed a vote on the 10th WHERE AS CLAUSE

Vote on 10th WHERE AS CLAUSE 1 / 3 / 1

DEFEATED.

"WHEREAS it is important to consider both smokers and non-smokers in

defining appropriate smoking areas' *was removed* from the SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY (Second Reading)

KHINDA/CRONE move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:

1. That the Students' Union advocate that the University of Alberta restrict smoking on all of its campuses to appropriate and health promoting designated smoking areas;
2. That the policy expire on April 30, 2012.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

FOOD POLICY – Second Reading

KHINDA amended the Food Policy (Second Reading)...(2nd WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS nutrition can significantly impact academic success" *instead of* "WHEREAS nutrition plays a vital role in the health and wellness of students and therefore can have a significant impact on their academic success"

POWER amended the Food Policy (Second Reading)...(addition of 3rd WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to include* "WHEREAS nutrition plays a vital role in the health and wellness of students"

CRONE amended the Food Policy (Second Reading)...(5th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS access to a variety of healthy food and beverage options on campus is currently limited" *instead of* "WHEREAS access to a variety of healthy food and beverage options available on campus is currently limited"

CRONE amended the Food Policy (Second Reading)...(6th WHERE AS CLAUSE) *to say* "WHEREAS food and beverages sold on campus do not meet the needs of students with dietary restrictions" *instead of* "WHEREAS food and beverages sold on campus do not meet the needs of students with a variety of dietary restrictions"

CSORBA/POWER move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students' Council adopt the Food Policy in second reading based on the following principles:

1. That the Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food and beverage options;
2. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;

3. That the Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;
4. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;
5. That the Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic¹, local, or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;
6. That The Students' Union advocates that the University reduces the ONEcard vendor levy to promote the expansion of its ONEcard service to vendors providing more choice for students who wish to eat on campus;
7. That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food and beverage products;
8. That this policy expire on April 30, 2015.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY – First Reading

POWER amended the Health and Wellness Policy (First Reading)... (1st principle) *to exclude* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide an increase in mental health resources, with an emphasis on counseling services"

POWER amended the Health and Wellness Policy (First Reading)... (4th principle) *to say* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance physical wellness space" *instead of* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance provide an increase in physical wellness space"

POWER amended the Health and Wellness Policy (First Reading)... (5th principle) *to say* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University enhance sexual health awareness for students" *instead of* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University provide an increase in sexual health awareness for students and education"

POWER amended the Health and Wellness Policy (First Reading)... (6th principle) *to say* "That the Students' Union advocates that the University

increase interfaith spiritual space on campus; and” *instead of* “That the Students’ Union advocates that the University provide an increase to interfaith prayer, meditation, and/or spiritual space on campus; and”

POWER amended the Health and Wellness Policy (First Reading)...(7th principle) *to say* “That Students’ Union advocates that the University encourage safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol” *instead of* “That Students’ Union advocates that the University provide resources that foster a culture of moderation in regards to alcohol consumption-safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol”

CRONE/KHINDA move that, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, Students’ Council approve the Food Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

Health and Wellness Policy - First Reading

1. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University increase psychological and psychiatric services;
2. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University explore new ways in which to enhance students’ mental health;
3. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University enhance physical wellness space;
4. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University enhance sexual health awareness for students;
5. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University increase interfaith spiritual space on campus; and
6. That the Students’ Union advocates that the University encourage safe drinking practices for those who choose to consume alcohol;
7. That this policy expire on April 30, 2015

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS *None*

9. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

10. NEXT MEETING *20 March, 2012 at 6:30 PM*

11. ADJOURNMENT *CSORBA* moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *POWER*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.