University of Alberta Students’ Union

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday March 21, 2017
4:00 pm
SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

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<td>Victoria DeJong (Chair)</td>
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<td>Reed Larsen (chaired the meeting)</td>
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<td>Delane Howie</td>
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<td>Alexander Brophy</td>
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<td>Fredrique Ndatirwa</td>
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<td>Marina Banister</td>
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<td>Mike Sandare</td>
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<td>Francesca El Ghossein</td>
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MINUTES (PC 2016-11)

2016-11/1  INTRODUCTION

2016-11/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm
2016-11/1b Approval of Agenda

GHOSSEIN/BANISTER moved to approve the agenda
7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-11/1c Approval of Minutes

GHOSSEIN
Suggested an amendment to the minutes as she was misquoted and stated that “we should not change policy based on cost issue.”

LARSEN/BROPHY moved to approve the minutes as-amended
7/0/0, CARRIED
(SANDARE and PROCHNAU abstained)

2016-11/1d Chair’s Business

2016-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-11/2a MNIF Policy Second Principles

DEJONG
Said that, for the Second Reading of MNIF policy, Robyn has a Google Docs and there he made a comment in resolutions section.

DEJONG
Read line by line and asked for comments.

BANISTER
Said that in point 3, "and/or" should be changed to "or."

DEJONG
Said that in point 5, "framework" is mentioned twice but that is okay.

GHOSSEIN
Point 6 was in the old one, and she doesn't know if the current point 6 refers to that in the new one. This is the process where they might have to talk about in the future, as long as what’s behind there is mentioned.

DEJONG
For point 8, Robyn made a comment, and asked if it can be expanded to a specific transparent procedure

**SANDERE**  
Said that there is not much to expand into but we can leave that open for debate. Right now, it seems good to me.

**BANISTER**  
I also like it as is but it can be more encompassing if it is made more into present sense.

**GHOSSEIN**  
Said that if they look more deeply and if there is a transparent reporting procedure, then we can find how fees are spent.

**BANISTER**  
Asked if all are okay with "in"

Members disagree with "in"

**PROCHNAU**  
Said that it should be “U of A procedures will account for how fees are spent.”

**LARSEN**  
Suggested just having "procedures" and leaving it blank.

**BANISTER**  
They can have transparency and accountability regarding procedures.

**BANISTER**  
Suggested keeping "continued."

**GHOSSEIN**  
Said that she is okay with "continued"

**BROPHY**  
That makes sense.

**DEJONG**  
Any other comments?

**BROPHY/BANISTER moved to recommend the MNIF Policy Second Principles to Student Council**
2016-11/2b  
Internationalization Policy First Principles

DEJONG  
Said that she made a few changes. From 2011 onward, she did not find any new information. There is no new shared information although facts are correct. In number 5, she added in there that international students have less access to merit based aid, and that they also don’t have access to federal and provincial government student loans. In number 12, there is extra point. In number 15 there is small change, and in number 18, the wording can improve.

LARSEN  
Said that you can make it more broad as it is First Principles and be more specific in Second Principles, and suggested including "infrequent" or "lack of information."

(All agree)

DEJONG  
Read out the first principles. How does it sound to everyone? Are there any further comments?

PROCHNAU  
In point 3, should it be provincial?

DEJONG  
It can be.

BROPHY  
Said that it can be “Alberta and Canada” or “provincial and national.”

SANDERE  
Asked how about “in-province” and “out-of-province”, by giving the example of students from Ontario.

BROPHY  
Agreed with Councillor Sandare.

DEJONG  
 MAKES THOSE CHANGES, IS THERE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?
DEJONG/BROPHY moved to submit the revised Internationalization Policy First Principles to Student Council
7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-11/2c Public Transit Policy First Principles

DEJONG
Does everyone have access to Levi's Google Drive, as he gave a lot of thoughts to public transit policy, and Robyn did the same as well.

PROCHNAU
Point 11, in Levi's edit, is incorrect because it is not “municipal boundaries.”

(all agreed)

DEJONG
Let’s go line by line in the first principles. Point 5 is for the SmartCard Technology, and Robyn supports it. For the point about opt-out, Robyn was not in favour of but he was in favour of point 8.

GHOSSEIN
Said that these changes can't just happen.

PROCHNAU
Added that they can happen in future

DEJONG
Suggested looking into the citation of this fact

BANISTER
Said that all should say “students”, and if they however don't pay the fees then they should not get a U-Pass.

LARSEN
Said that the purpose for not having opt-out is very clear.

GHOSSEIN
Said that there is no deal and it is like healthcare, and that they can use it to buy groceries and go outside university boundaries

BANISTER
Asked about striking out points 8 and 9.

PROCHNAU
Said he thinks point 8 should stay.

GHOSSEIN
Said point 9 is no-deal but point 8 is fine.

BANISTER
Suggested of getting rid of a bit of them.

GHOSSEIN
Said that the question is do we represent them?

DEJONG
Said that if approved it is not set in stone, and so the only change they made is the SmartCard.
Added that striking resolution 2 is a good idea.

LARSEN
Said that students don't pay SU fees in summer and so they should not have access to U-Pass if they don't register for classes.

PROCHNAU
Said that he was part of the union (in Faculty of Engineering) and the union was under university but did not get U-Pass.

GHOSSEIN
Said that they can recommend the union NASA to grant U-Pass to university and relevant stakeholders.

BROPHY
Said that it will be for students employed by the university and not the SU

GHOSSEIN
Said that the university has more affordable options for bus passes than the SU has.

DEJONG
Said that because they struck the last point under "fact," they can strike points 6 and 7.

HOWIE
Said that they cannot use the term opt-in.
SANDERE
Said that the one thing that can be done to reconcile for U-Pass is alternative transit options, and it doesn't hurt to do something like bus tickets at 5% off.

GHOSSEIN
Said that they can say "all students."

SANDERE
Said that, as members of SU it covers students, but the weird thing is exchange-students, which will be an issue.

BANISTER
Said that for exchange-students it will be cheaper to buy bus passes for a few weeks that opt into the whole thing.

SANDERE
Suggested alternative transit options like cheaper bus tickets.

GHOSSEIN
Said that if it benefits other people that's okay but they should have opt-out policy.

DEJONG
In conclusion, changes were made to a few point and SmartTechnology.

DEJONG/BROPHY moved to submit the Public Transit Policy First Principles to Student Council
8/0/0
CARRIED

2016 – 11/3
COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016 – 11/3a
Recommendation to Students' Council to renew the Scholarships and Bursaries Political Policy as-is.

DEJONG
Said that she will is fine with it as is but interested in what the other members think.

SANDERE
Said that it is good to add another point to resolution, and to have other scholarships for leadership and such.

DEJONG
For resolutions it has go through councils

BROPHY
Said that it is beyond editorial change, and he can see it being passed

DEJONG
Asked if it would be appropriate for the committee to recommend it

SANDERE
Agreed to take it, and said that scholarships are very limited to province and awards are related to scholastic merit. Therefore, if anything it does reduce barriers, for example if you want to start a company and do something for the community then it should have provisions.

BROPHY
Said that if you might not be working then it might be good to have that kind of scholarship

DEJONG
Said that SU will advocate U of A and province of Alberta to base scholarship of basis of leadership in addition to merit, and that the motion will pass as-amended.

BROPHY/GHOSSEIN move to recommend to Students’ Council to renew the Scholarships and Bursaries Political Policy as-is.
7/0/0
CARRIED

2016-11/4
INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-11/5
ADJOURNMENT

DEJONG/BANISTER move to adjourn the meeting
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CARRIED

2016-11/5a
Next Meeting: TBD

2016-11/5b
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.
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