Tuesday January 31, 2017
5:00 am
SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

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<td>Marina Banister</td>
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<td>Mike Sandare</td>
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MINUTES (PC 2016-08)

2016-08/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

2016-08/1b Approval of Agenda

GHOSSEIN/BANISTER moved to approve the agenda
5/0/0
CARRIED
2016-08/1c Approval of Minutes

LARSEN/MONDA moved to approve the minutes
5/0/0
CARRIED

2016-08/1d Chair's Business

2016-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2016-08/2a MNIF Policy changes

DEJONG
MNIF Policy changes document is in Google Drive.

MONDA
I have a question and some comments under facts specified in point 10.
Also, concerning academic price index (API), is change new as the university started it this year?

GHOSSEIN
It started last year.

MONDA
It is still new and could this be questionable?
Also, since this is an index that the university has made, should it still be called the academic price index?

GHOSSEIN
We have to say if it is not contradictory to any political policy. Also, since we haven't mentioned it in any other policy like inflation, they should mention consistency as a value.

BROPHY
Add that they should make a resolution that the university is using API and not CPI.

LARSEN
Said that he understands it but he doesn't know where it is coming from.
GHOSSEIN
Mentioned that it is the board that approves it.

LARSEN
Questioned, where is API?

GHOSSEIN
Acknowledged that it is a good question, and said that they are presented it to the board and the board presented it but nothing is documented and so you can't find anything.

LARSEN
Are we are to make sure where all the information is coming from?

GHOSSEIN
The present provost and VP Finance are responsible.

LARSEN
To have a citation, they need a source on where the information is coming from.

MONDA
Clarified about the API and mentioned that he sees that the university has useful measures. CPI is a reasonably easy to understand in the university context; a breakdown how API cost are calculated and explained to students and collective arguments should be in a firm that are understandable by students;

GHOSSEIN
Questioned how would he frame that in terms of transparency, as transparency is a value that is needed.

MONDA
Said that in addition to transparency, they will have consistency.

LARSEN
Said that he wants to differentiate this point in general, and questioned if they are going to differentiate API as a standard for inflation? Said that he is on the CPI side but wants to know where API is coming from.

BROPHY
Questioned, why it should be a separate policy? Said that he is okay with rolling it into the MNIF policy.
(Delaine Howie joins the meeting)

DEJONG
Said that they will bring it to council. Points 1 and 3 are being added, is everyone comfortable with adding those?

MONDA
Said that he can compare and contrast all the policies but is not sure where to find information about the same, and still doesn’t see where the last meeting’s outcome are addressed;

DEJONG
Asked if others also share that concern.

(All agree)

LARSEN
There are notable differences between SU fees and your standard MNIF. These aren’t just opinion, they can be cited in policy, such as our internal policy or the University’s definition of MNIF’s. Point 7 & 9 are examples of such.

MONDA
Mentioned that his question is would that be a better resolution, and that he thinks that point 7 makes sense but the difference between them in legislation should be there.

GHOSSEIN
Asked if point 7 would be enough with added words?

DEJONG
Agreed

BANISTER
Mentioned that they can get sources for these points.

MONDA
Mentioned that he thinks that Policy Committee is overstaying in this policy, while there are other things one needs to do before the year ends.

BANISTER
Said that they do not need to define every single statement.
A few citations are a good thing but it is not a good idea to be excessively obsessed.

DEJONG
Asked if all approved of point 3.

All committee members approved.

DEJONG
Said that in point 5, they are adding university or student associations which includes SU, university and any other university associations.

All agreed.

MONDA
It is important to mention the university has control over their own fees.

GHOSSEIN
How about saying that the university and SU have a their own process for changing the fees and not jointly. Can combine points 7 and 9 in the manner.

BANISTER
Said that she prefers to put the word "different."
Said that she thinks that it is more of a risk and that there is no harm by removing it.

DEJONG
Asked if all committee members approved of point 8.

MONDA
Indicated that commas are not needed.

(All agreed)

(Mike Sandare comes)

DEJONG
Said that they went over the first principles and asked how committee members felt about bringing the policy to council.

All members agreed in bringing the policy to council.

DEJONG
After we know the Students’ Council’s decision, we will look into it at our next Policy committee meeting.

SANDARE
Asked the meaning of “different process fess.”

DEJONG
Explained that they are different by means of citations and can highlight the process or the fees.

SANDARE
Asked the difference between mandatory and instructional fees are same - how are they different;

LARSEN
Clarified that they are trying to explain that;

GHOSSEIN
Said that it is not the type but the process;

DEJONG
Asked what about point 7, which is the process to change the fee and if it is different for the university and SU;

LARSEN
Agreed;

(All agreed)

DEJONG
Asked if any committee members would like to edit point 7.

Members had no changes they’d like to make.

DEJONG
Asked for if anyone had any other comments on any of the sections?

MONDA
Discussed about current and old MNIF policies and said how it is hard to get feedback on them. It would be a good idea if somebody could further look into getting feedback on the MNIF policies.

(Brandon Christensen come in,)
MOTION
SANDARE/BANISTER move to bring the **MNIF Policy changes**, as amended (as mentioned below), to council

1. The University of Alberta is a publicly-funded public institution and therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources.
2. Services provided by the University of Alberta can foster a positive student experience.
3. Services provided by the University of Alberta Students’ Union are essential components of the student experience.
4. Undergraduate students are willing to pay a reasonable fee for services that benefit them and are of good value for their money.
5. Mandatory non-instructional fees remain unregulated by the Government of Alberta and can therefore change at the discretion of the University and the Students’ Union.
6. Mandatory non-instructional fees are in addition to the tuition fee, which is the mandatory payment for instruction.
7. The process used to add or change mandatory non-instructional fees differs between the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students’ Union. (Citation)
8. The University of Alberta Students’ Union has committed to transparency and accountability on how mandatory non-instructional fees are spent.
9. The cost of a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, educational materials, and living expenses.
10. A high and unpredictable cost of education is a barrier to postsecondary education for many students.

8/0/0
CARRIED

DEJONG moves to renew the Student Space Political Policy as is.

2016-08/2b

HOWIE
Said that the more she reads it the more she does not understand it, and she will contact all of the committee members for help.

DEJONG
The policy is expiring in 2017, and it is a short policy. Asked if all of the members had a chance to look at the policy. Last year Jared renewed it,
and asked if there is any discussion on this policy.

LARSEN
Asked if they want to say that space must be more available like gender specific, etc.

DEJONG
Said that if there is no debate, she will recommend the policy to Council for renewal.

**DEJONG / BROPHY moves to renew the Student Space Political Policy as is.**
8/0/0
CARRIED

| 2016-08/3 | COMMITTEE BUSINESS |
| 2016-08/4 | INFORMATION ITEMS |
| 2016-08/5 | ADJOURNMENT |

LARSEN/BROPHY moved to adjourn the meeting
8/0/0
CARRIED

2016-08/5a | Next Meeting: To be decided |
2016-08/5b | Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm. |

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

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