University of Alberta Students' Union

POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday September 10, 2015
4:15 pm
SUB 0-48

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Jared Burton (Chair)		Y
Jason Wang		N
Victoria Dejong		N
Vivian Kwan		Y
Hannah Schlamp		N
Dylan Hanwell		Y
Fahim Rahman		Y
Ben Angus	Cody Bondarchuk	Y
Levi Flaman		Y

MINUTES (PC 2015-06)

2015-06/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2015-06/1a **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 16:15.

2015-06/1b **Approval of Agenda**

RAHMAN/KWAN move to approve the agenda.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/1c **Approval of Minutes**

RAHMAN/FLAMAN move to approve the minutes.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/1d **Chair's Business**

The committee discussed the proposed standing orders.

FLAMAN proposed the following changes to the standing orders:

1. strike point 3.4

2. amend section 6's heading to "Proxies/Guests" instead of "Proxies/Geusts"

3. replace "his/her" with "their" in point 12.1 (a)

4. amend section 15's heading to "Confidentiality" instead of "Confidentiallity"

The committee discussed the changes to point 3.4. BONDARCHUK suggested leaving the point as it is and present it to DIE Board for clarification.

FLAMAN/BONDARCHUK move to amend the standing orders as proposed.

5/0/0
CARRIED

FLAMAN/RAHMAN move to adopt the new standing orders.

5/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2015-06/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2015-06/3a BONDARCHUK introduced the second reading of the Gender Policy to the committee. The resolutions are the action items. He would like the committee's input on the edits and facts of the resolutions.

The committee discussed changes to the resolutions.

BONDARCHUK amended the resolutions with the following changes:

1. amend "BearTracks" to "Bear Tracks" in point 3 and 4

2. merge point 6 and 7, so it reads "The Students' Union will advocate that the University of Alberta include single-unit all gender washrooms in every new building constructed on campus, and work to implement all gender washrooms in existing University buildings wherever practical."

3. change point 8 to point 7, point 9 to point 8, and point 10 to point 9

4. split the new point 9, so it reads "The Students' Union will advocate that fraternities, women's fraternities, and sororities at the University of Alberta create clear and inclusive chapter policies on the admittance of transgender students identifying with the gender requirements of the organizations into their organizations."

5. the new point 10 reads "The Students' Union will advocate that fraternities, women's fraternities, and sororities at the University of Alberta create clear and inclusive chapter policies on the admittance of gender non-binary students."

6. amend point 15 to read “The Students’ Union will advocate the University of Alberta allows students to choose between gender-segregated housing or Gender Inclusive Housing in their residence application and to abide by the students’ preferences within reasons

7. strike “to the Minister of Infrastructure” in point 16 and point 17

8. strike “to the Minister of Responsible for the Status of Women and the Minister of Service Alberta” in point 18 and point 19

9. move point 18 ahead of point 16, and change the number of subsequent points accordingly

BURTON/BONDARCHUK move to bring the Gender Policy before Students’ Council in second reading with the recommendation of Policy Committee, based on the following first principles:

1. Students deserve equitable treatment regardless of their gender identity and/or biological sex.

2. Not all students identify their gender to be within the male-female binary.

3. It is not always necessary for administrations to require students to disclose their gender and/or biological sex outside of medical reasons.

4. Students who do not identify within the male-female gender binary are denied access to gendered spaces on campus.

5. Transgender students may feel misgendered or unsafe in gendered spaces on campus.

6. Gender non-binary students are excluded from important University documents such as the Code of Student Behaviour when students are referred to as “he or she.”

7. Existing alternatives to gendered spaces on campus do not have appropriate signage to address their inclusivity.

8. Students face barriers to obtaining non-binary living conditions in housing and residence.

6/0/0
CARRIED

2015-06/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2015-06/5 **CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

2015-06/5a **Next Meeting:** September 24th at 4:00pm in SUB 0-48

2015-06/6 **ADJOURNMENT**

2015-06/6a FLAMAN/KWAN move to adjourn.

6/0/0
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 17:05.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	**VOTES**
RAHMAN/KWAN move to approve the agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
RAHMAN/FLAMAN move to approve the minutes.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/BONDARCHUK move to amend the standing orders as proposed.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/RAHMAN move to adopt the new standing orders.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
FLAMAN/KWAN move to adjourn.	6/0/0 - CARRIED