



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2014 - 2015 # 10

Date: October 2, 2014

Time: 6:46 pm

In Attendance:

Stephanie Gruhlke (Chair)

Bo Zhang

Marina Banister

Nicholas Diaz

Colin Champagne

Navneet Khinda

Surya Bhatia

Excused Absence:

Kathryn Orydzuk

Justis Allard

Others in Attendance:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by *GRUHLKE* at 6:46 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ZHANG moved that the *October 2* agenda be approved as *tabled*.
Seconded by *CHAMPAGNE*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BANISTER moved that the *September 15* minutes be approved as *tabled*.
The motion was seconded by *ZHANG*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRUHLKE announced that there will be additional meetings because the committee is falling behind the schedule and that day was also *CHAMPAGNE*'s birthday.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. ORAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. VP Student Life

DIAZ reported that Residence Advisory Committee and Residence Budget Advisory Committee are making the rent reasonable. He also dealt with residents' concerns and worked with Residence Services and Residence Advisory Committee for solutions. Details will be provided in Council report.

DIAZ also reported that new recycle bins will be distributed across campus.

DIAZ reported on Health and Wellness: he connected PhyEd with representatives of Campus Saint-Jean and of Augustana regarding fitness equipment.

DIAZ reported on Student Space: he found out that for everyone who wishes to book PhyEd operated space, the application cannot be completed with Rec Services. As a result, East Campus Dodge Ball cannot utilize Education Gym and instead registered to Lister Dodge Ball, but the operation was paid by Wellness Services.

DIAZ discovered non-sports clubs may not book physical education facilities where the program duplicates recreation services programs. This is problematic, and DIAZ wants to review this policy.

DIAZ talked with Muslim Students' Association and Safewalk about mapping out viable spaces across campus for praying. DIAZ wants the students to know where they can pray.

DIAZ reported on Campus Open Space Advisory Committee, which concerns with open space renovation on campus. The committee talks DIAZ about how different open space works on campus. For example, the Administration Building will be knocked down in the future to make it part of the Alumni Walk project.

2. VP External

KHINDA had a busy month. She had nothing new to report on Market Modifier, just present update: the Law Students' Association will be sending out a survey question on Monday; for pharmacy, the market modifier proposal is similar to traditional proposal as they will create a new programme that students have access to and will be cheaper for students in the long run; for economics, the dean is consulting with students and the Art Students' Association has it under control in terms of reaching out to students.

KHINDA also reported on the roundtable meeting on Monday and Tuesday

which originally be held in Edmonton but now moved to Calgary, so she had to arrange for transportation. She commented that the minister is promising and the relationship building is good.

KHINDA will summarize the Tax Credit Policy and present it in the next Policy meeting.

3. VP Academic

ORYDZUK sent out a report to the committee via email and she is able to respond to any concern via email.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Student Financial Assistance Policy First Principles

The research team had come up with an example of how the policies can be consolidated into one policy, but it remained as an example. So the committee had to start it from sketch.

KHINDA came up with the first principle of the policy and the committee discussed them.

KHINDA suggested rewording point five. She explained to the committee that the principle of that point is the shared investment of government and students, but it does not mean that students should invest as much as the government. GRUHLKE and KHINDA proposed to change it to “education is a shared investment between government and students.”

ZHANG asked about the meaning of “unsustainable way” in point six. KHINDA explained that students usually cannot afford to pay the debt of loan. ZHANG suggested “unmanageable” and BHATIA suggests “unavoidable.” The committee changed the sentence to “although student debt is sometimes unavoidable, it should not become uncontrollable or unsustainable.”

KHINDA explained for point seven that upfront grant is better to motivate students to stay in school than student receive it after completion of school.

As for point nine, “and” was added between “grants” and “loans” and “;” was added after “loans.”

KHINDA explained point ten that it advocates for a simplified application process that is easy to navigate.

KHINDA moved that the Policy Committee brings Student Financial

Assistance Policy to Students' Council for First Reading.
Seconded by *GRUHLKE*.

Vote on Motion 7 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

Health and Wellness Policy First Principles

DIAZ explained the state of the policy. It was pushed back because of advocacy and he wishes to table the policy until he brings it back to the committee.

Renewing Policies

GRUHLKE will email the committee to organize additional meetings.

DIAZ suggests dealing with easier policies first. ZHANG agreed if the policies do not require major changes, councilors can work on them for editorial changes and bring them back to meeting.

GRUHLKE stated the policies that expired last year: Affordable Housing, Health and Wellness, Deferred Maintenance, Research, and Student Loans, and policies that will expire next year: Academic Materials, Fall Reading Week, Food, Smoke Free Environment, and Sustainability.

GRUHLKE stated that renewing policies does not need to go through the two readings unless the committee wants to change them. She predicted that Academic Materials will be changed based on ORYDZUK's platform.

GRUHLKE will email to the Execs to ask which policies they will work on more.

**10. DISCUSSION
AND INFORMATION
ITEMS**

GRUHLKE notified the committee that DIE Board ruling came out and stated that it is not within committee's purview to dismiss a committee member.

11. REPORTS

**12. CLOSED
SESSION**

13. NEXT MEETING October 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at SUB 606. There will be no additional meeting before this meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT *CHAMPAGNE* moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *DIAZ*.

Vote on Motion 5 / 1 / 0
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

