



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Campus Law Review Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Steven Penney	Chair, Academic Staff Elected from at-large, appointed by GFC Executive Committee
Deborah Eerkes	Member, Discipline Officer, Student Conduct and Accountability
Brent Epperson	Member (Delegate), Representative of the Student Ombudservice
Robin Overall	Member, Interim Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Sarah Ficko	Member, Representative of the Graduate Students' Association, appointed by the GSA Executive, Vice-President (Labour)
Vivian Kwan	Member, Representative of the Students' Union Executive, appointed by the SU Executive, Vice-President (Student Life)
Mackenzie Martin	Member, Student-at-large (Undergraduate)
Sarah Wolgemuth	Member, Assistant Dean of Students
Bill Spinks	Member, Director, University of Alberta Protective Services
Lori Thorlakson	Member, Academic Staff (A1.1, A1.5, or counterpart in A1.6 who is a former Associate Dean, or former Discipline Officer, or former UAB Chair

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Peterson	Member, Appeals and Compliance Officer, Resource
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Presenter(s):

Craig Whitton	Area Coordinator, Residence Services
Steven Penney	Professor, Faculty of Law and Chair, GFC CLRC
Sarah Wolgemuth	Assistant Dean of Students (Residence Life)

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Campus Law Review Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Steven Penney, Professor, Faculty of Law and Chair, GFC CLRC

Motion: Overall/Epperson

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 23, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Steven Penney, Professor, Faculty of Law and Chair, GFC CLRC

Motion: Eerkes/Thorlakson

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Minutes of April 23, 2015, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2015-16 academic year and invited members to introduce themselves.

4. Comments from the University Secretary for the New Academic Year

There were no documents.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

The Chair announced that this item would be deferred due to the inability of the University Secretary to attend.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics: 2014-15

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sarah Wolgemuth, Assistant Dean of Students (Residence Life); Craig Whitton, Area Coordinator, Residence Services

Purpose of the Proposal: To report on the discipline statistics from the U of A residences for the 2014-15 academic year.

Discussion:

Ms Wolgemuth introduced herself and co-presenter, Mr Whitton, to members.

Mr Whitton reported that the Restorative Justice process, while in its fourth year of utilization at the University of Alberta, has been becoming more accepted culturally among students and staff within the last two years. He added that the lack of appropriate computer programs designed around the Restorative Justice process is a continuing issue, as data is difficult to track using existing software.

In regards to the findings within the Report, Mr Whitton stated that 851 incidents resulted in 1117 violations, and that 87% of the sanctions were Restorative solutions. He reported, as well, that Lister Centre

contributed to 66% of all incidents, and that 23% of these were primarily related to alcohol. He explained that there was a 30% decrease in alcohol incidents from 2013-2014.

Mr Whitton reported that the data within the Report also includes students at risk being managed by his team. He noted that throughout the reporting period, there were 70 students at risk incidents, and that social media has been helpful, among other methods, in identifying students who may be at risk.

During the discussion surrounding this Report, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification regarding the sanction "None specified"; a request for the definition of a student at risk; the availability of personnel for managing students at risk; clarification regarding the definition of non-unique students; that there are six categories of Sanctions within the Report that seem to overlap; clarification regarding students who were immediately evicted from residence versus students who had multiple sanctions, in relation to the data within the Report; whether Residence Assistants receive specialized training around Restorative Justice; commendation for the Residence staff for the implementation of this program; clarification regarding the specifics of community resolutions.

Mr Whitton concluded his presentation by reminding members that Residence Services offers unique training opportunities surrounding the Restorative Justice process.

The Chair thanked Mr Whitton for his Report.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

7. Items Approved by the GFC Campus Law Review Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.