



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Student Conduct Policy Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, October 25, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Penney, Chair
Andre Bourgeois
David Chung
Rebecca Nagel
Wioletta Polanski
David Rayner
Beth Richardson
Nathan Sunday

Andrea Urbina
Sarah Wolgemuth (delegate)
Non-Voting:
Meg Brolley
Deborah Eerkes
Marion Haggarty-France
Janice Johnson
Michael Peterson

REGRETS:

André Costopoulos
Marcel Roth

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Urbina

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 25, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Urbina

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the Minutes of January 25, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

The Chair welcomed members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He noted that SCPC meetings were held in open session and that the committee rarely had closed sessions.

4. Committee Kick-Off and Orientation

Presenter(s): Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary; Meg Brolley, Secretary to GFC and Manager of GFC Services

Discussion:

Ms Haggarty-France and Ms Brolley gave a presentation on the structure of academic governance at the University of Alberta and the recommendations of the GFC *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority. They highlighted the recommendations that had been completed to date and

gave an overview of GFC Principles for Delegation of Authority, GFC Principles for Standing Committee Composition, GFC Roles and Responsibilities of Members, GFC Meeting Procedural Rules, and the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee Terms of Reference including mandate, responsibilities and delegated authority.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. 2017/18 Annual Report of Student Conduct Responses, Dean of Students' Portfolio

Presenter(s): Deborah Eerkes, Director, Student Conduct and Accountability; Janice Johnson, Assistant Dean (Residence Life and Education)

Discussion:

Ms Eerkes explained that this report was presented in a new format from previous years in an attempt to reflect all student conduct at the university. She noted that the groups represented in the report were collecting data in various ways and that made it difficult to combine the information. She further noted that there were efforts underway to streamline data collection and reporting.

Ms Johnson spoke about the effectiveness of restorative practices and behavioral expectations to help those involved (victims, offenders and communities) to be active in resolution of issues. She noted that this had been effective even in fairly serious cases.

The presenters noted an increase in complaints about weapons, including replicas such as air-soft guns as well as an increase in reporting on intimate partner violence and sexual assault. They noted that University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS) had been working with these issues.

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: past incidents of evictions from residence before the official move in date; apology letters in restorative justice resolutions; the coordination of a sustainable restorative justice program; rates of disclosure for sexual violence and whether they reflect actual number of incidents; workshops and information on sexual consent available to students; the supports available for victims of sexual assault and the possible gap in supports for those who disclose their own misbehavior; liquor licenses and pressure on student groups to provide alcohol at events; and data management and collection systems.

Members asked that the reported information be broken down by facility and location as well as by student group in order to better identify patterns of behavior.

Members asked that the Dean of Students' office follow up with counselling services to ensure that there was support for sexual misconduct offenders as well as for victims.

6. Annual Report of the Appeals and Compliance Officer (2017-2018)

Presenter(s): Michael Peterson, Appeals and Compliance Officer, University Governance

Discussion:

Mr Peterson provided an overview of the report.

There was no discussion.

7. Question Period

There were no questions

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.