



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC)  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2022  
Remote Meeting by Zoom  
9:30 AM - 10:35 AM

### **ATTENDEES:**

Joanna Harrington, Chair  
Carla Prado  
Kimberlee Billows  
Joannie Fogue  
Gurleen Kaur  
Devshri Lala  
Karsten Mundel (delegate)

Judith Spiers  
Monisha Vinod  
Adrienne Wright  
*non-voting:*  
Chris Hackett  
David Johnson  
Marcel Roth  
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison

### **REGRETS:**

Cirila Bartley  
Brad Hamdon  
Kate Peters  
Geoffrey Rode  
Helen Vallianatos

### Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

Before calling the meeting to order the Chair acknowledged that the University of Alberta is situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

### **OPENING SESSION**

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Joanna Harrington, Professor and Chair of SCPC

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 20, 2022

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Joanna Harrington, Professor and Chair of SCPC

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of January 20, 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

*Presenter(s):* Joanna Harrington, Professor and Chair of SCPC

*Discussion:*

The Chair welcomed new members and thanked those who were finishing their terms. She noted that the next meeting of the committee was scheduled for September 8, 2022.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Revisions to Sexual Violence Policy and new Student Conduct Policy (to replace non-academic portions of the Code of Student Behaviour)

*Presenter(s):* Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost; Deborah Eerkes, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator; Jax Oltean, Senior Legal Counsel

*Discussion:*

The presenters spoke about the directives from the Ministry and a "Checklist" of required and prohibited elements which university policies and procedures must satisfy by the deadline of November 2022. They outlined the current process and explained the proposed changes to student discipline for non-academic misconduct procedures and the opportunity to shift to a trauma-informed and survivor-driven approach.

Members discussed:

- The Code of Student Behaviour and the proposed division of academic and non-academic student conduct policies;
- The shift to a true appeal on the record rather than a *de novo* hearing;
- The use of the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL) format for the proposed new policy documents;
- The authorities related to student discipline held by the Board of Governors and General Faculties Council and the approval pathway and timelines for the proposed changes;
- Clarification around the immunity clause for drug and alcohol use;
- The need for education about the trauma that can result from an appeal process;
- The need for training and support for panel members as they go through the process;
- Jurisdiction issues and the potential impact on students who study abroad, attend field school, or are in work or clinical placements;
- Legitimate forms of protest and the clause of "obstructing the learning environment"; and
- That there were many University of Alberta Policies and Procedures and how they all worked together.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

## **CLOSING SESSION**

6. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of SCPC: September 8, 2022
- Next Meeting of GFC: June 6, 2022