

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Joanna Harrington (Chair)
Katelyn Brown
Michael Griffiths
Jun Hu
Tiffany Kung
Corinne Langinier
Geoffrey Rode

Ravina Sanghera
Judith Spiers
Adrienne Wright

non-voting:
Chris Hackett
Kate Peters
Laura Riley
Laurel Wilkie

REGRETS:

John Lemieux
Carla Prado, Vice-Chair

Staff:

Faiza Billo

OPENING SESSION

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair acknowledged the territory.

Note that materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

1. Approval of Agenda

Presenter(s): Joanna Harrington, 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 October 20, 2023

Presenter(s): Joanna Harrington, Chair of SCPC

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of September 21, 2023.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Joanna Harrington, Chair of SCPC

Discussion: The Chair welcomed the appointment of V Yiu as the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and noted the closure of Humanities Centre for the Winter Term. The Chair then invited R Sanghera and C Hackett to

provide an update on the development of the Student Academic Integrity Policy Suite. They noted the work to consult over the Fall Term and broad endorsement for the non-disciplinary approach to processes. They spoke to the accompanying operational changes that will be made to implement the policy. They clarified plans to bring the documents back for decision in the Spring.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Annual Report of Appeals and Compliance Coordinator 2022 – 2023

Presenter(s): Laura Riley, Appeals and Compliance Coordinator

Discussion: L Riley presented her report and invited questions from the Committee.

Members asked about the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) and technological developments on the appeals process and discussed the approaches being taken by instructors. Members expressed appreciation for the work of appeal committees and noted the decline in the number of appeals. A member noted their research on AI showing increased use by students of AI, and a trend to using technology to assist them in their work. The Chair spoke to the ongoing work of the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) on AI for the University.

5. Annual Report of Student Conduct Responses

Presenter(s): Ravina Sanghera, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students; Chris Hackett, Student Conduct Officer, Student Services

Discussion: C Hackett presented the report noting that this was a year of transition from the Code of Student Behaviour to new procedures established under the Student Conduct Policy suite approved in November 2022. He noted that the number of non-disciplinary cases is low but expected to increase as staff are put in place and processes refined. He spoke to the residence cases as part of the continuum of student conduct and reminded members that the restorative justice approach to Residence Standards has shown effectiveness over time. He spoke of plans to integrate all cases into the same database to see a more holistic view of the students' history of conduct allowing for better decision making. R Sanghera expressed that the prevention remains the priority for the University.

Members commented on the trend in declining residence issues and the work to reduce barriers to reporting. They noted that the number of reports may also be related to students being able to make a report more quickly.

CLOSING SESSION

6. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of SCPC: April 25, 2024
- Next Meeting of GFC: January 29, 2024