



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
Campus Law Review Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Voting Members:

Steven Penney	Chair, Academic Staff Elected from at-large, appointed by GFC Executive Committee
Maxine Clarke	Member, Staff
André Costopoulos	Member, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Francesca El Ghossein	Member (Delegate), Representative of the Students' Union Executive, appointed by the SU Executive
Brent Epperson	Member (Delegate), Representative of the Student Ombudservice
Judith Garber	Member, Staff
Elaine Geddes	Member, Academic Staff and Associate Dean who is a current Associate Dean
Sarang Gumfekar	Member, Student-at-large (Graduate)
Aman Litt	Member, Assistant Dean of Students (Residence Services)
Sasha Van der Klein	Member, Representative of the Graduate Students' Association, appointed by the GSA Executive

#### Non-Voting Members:

Meg Brolley	Member, Director, General Faculties Council Services and Secretary to GFC
Michael Peterson	Member, Appeals and Compliance Officer, Resource

#### Presenter(s):

Steven Penney	Professor, Faculty of Law and Chair, GFC CLRC
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Meg Brolley	Secretary to GFC and Manager of GFC Services
André Costopoulos	Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Wayne Patterson	Executive Director, Human Resource Services

#### Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Campus Law Review Committee  
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

### **OPENING SESSION**

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Garber/Gumfekar

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 28, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Geddes/Gumfekar

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Minutes of April 28, 2016.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the 2016-2017 academic year and invited members to introduce themselves.

4. Welcome and Committee Member Development and Orientation

There were no documents.

*Presenter(s):* Marion Haggarty-France; Meg Brolley

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To provide members with a Committee orientation and an update in regards to academic governance at the University of Alberta.

*Discussion:*

University Secretary Marion Haggarty-France welcomed members to the 2016-2017 academic year and thanked them for their service to the community. In addition to providing an overview of the Committee's mandate, she referred members to the new institutional strategic plan, *For the Public Good*.

GFC Secretary Meg Brolley then provided members with an orientation to online resources available on the University Governance website. In addition, she noted changes to the Outline of Issue (OI). She provided members with an update on the GFC *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority, noting that the Terms of Reference for all GFC Standing Committees would be reviewed in detail as part of this process.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics: 2015-2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Craig Whitton

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To report on the discipline statistics from the U of A residences for the 2015-16 academic year.

*Discussion:*

Mr Whitton provided members with an overview of the Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics for 2015-2016. In addition to providing members with historical context in relation to the adoption of Restorative Justice (RJ), he explained the methodology in tracking discipline statistics.

He then presented annual data reflecting violations, sanctions and incidents which saw an increase from the last reporting period.

He further noted a decrease in alcohol-related incidents on campus. Finally, he noted that there was a marked increase in tracking students at risk.

During the ensuing discussion, Mr Whitton addressed questions surrounding cases of eviction, the use of RJ in sexual assault cases, whether incidents occurring off campus are tracked, clarification surrounding reporting processes, and whether any of the reported sanctions are repeated.

It was noted that the graphs within the Report were incomplete; the report will be revised to address this and re-posted.

The Chair thanked Mr Whitton for his Report and commended him on the successful culture change following RJ's establishment.

#### 6. Sexual Violence Policy: Development Update

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* André Costopoulos; Wayne Patterson

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To provide an update and gather feedback on the first draft of the Sexual Violence Policy.

*Discussion:*

Vice-Provost and Dean of Students Andre Costopoulos reported that the stand-alone Sexual Violence Policy was one of the recommendations within the Review of the University's Response to Sexual Assault, released in February 2016. He explained that the draft Policy was developed utilizing consultation with a broad range of stakeholders.

Members expressed various comments and questions, including clarification surrounding the definitions of "consent", "fleeting", "sexual harassment", "pressure", "indecent images", "concern", "complaint"; clarification in relation to how processes must change once this Policy is enacted; the power dynamic between instructors, supervisors and learners; whether the definitions would also appear in the Codes; clarification about how the Policy addresses those members of the community not formally affiliated with the University of Alberta such as volunteers; how this Policy and its procedures will address those who do not formally disclose.

Dr Costopoulos noted that the definitions with the draft Policy are being reviewed by General Counsel.

In addition, he also noted that work was underway on other recommendations from the Review of the University's Response to Sexual Assault including development of educational and training measures for members of the academy. He concluded by stating that the educational component will be a key element of this Policy's implementation and impact.

#### 7. Question Period

There were no questions.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### 8. Items Approved by the GFC Campus Law Review 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 11:00 a.m.