



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Student Conduct Policy Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, November 28, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Penney, Chair
Dylan Ashley
André Costopoulos
Jared Larsen
Rebecca Nagel
Wioletta Polanski
Carla Prado

Shahed Taghian Dehaghani
Nikki Van Klaveren
Adrienne Wright
non-voting:
Deborah Eerkes
Michael Peterson
Marcel Roth
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison

REGRETS:

Marion Haggarty-France
Janice Johnson
Rajesh Kumar

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Ashley

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approves the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 24, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Ashley

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of October 24, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Steven Penney, Chair, GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee

The Chair had no comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Weapons on University Property

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Marcel Roth, Director, University of Alberta Protective Services; Trudy Triplet, Investigator, University of Alberta Protective Services

Discussion:

Mr Roth explained the difficulty determining whether a firearm was real or a replica, in the context of a weapons complaint. He further explained that University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS) and Edmonton Police Services (EPS) had to follow protocol, which included an escalated response in these cases. He noted that with an escalated response there was a serious concern that someone could be injured or killed. Mr Roth pointed to recent changes to the University of Alberta's Residence Agreements to prohibit possession of weapons and replicas in or on the premises, and made note of policy and procedures at other post-secondary institutions related to weapons on campus. Mr Roth also explained how the COSB had been used to address weapons complaints in the past, and how the addition of specific wording to the COSB could help students understand the seriousness of weapons possession on campus.

During the discussion members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to: feedback from other consultations on this item; the connection to the UAPPOL Firearms Policy; post-implementation considerations including education and communication; the assurance that investigations take all information into consideration to ensure a fair and appropriate response; the potential for other items not noted in the definition to be used as weapons; the importance for the definition of a weapon to provide fair notice to students as to what they could and could not possess on campus; clear and concise language in the COSB; and accommodation for legitimate possession of restricted items for sports, hobbies, and religious purposes.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

6. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.