

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

Thursday, September 08, 2022
South Academic Building (SAB) 2-31
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

ATTENDEES:

Joanna Harrington, Chair
André Costopoulos
Joannie Fogue
Devshri Lala
Carla Prado
Judith Spiers
Monisha Vinod
Adrienne Wright

non-voting:

Chris Hackett
David Johnson
Kate Peters
Geoffrey Rode
Marcel Roth
Sylvie Vigneux

REGRETS:

Cirila Bartley
Brad Hamdon

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: 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 May 26, 2022

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of May 26, 2022.

CARRIED

3. Introductions (no documents)

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

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed members and led a round of introductions.

GFC ORIENTATION

4. GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee Orientation

Presenter(s): Kate Peters, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services; Heather Richholt, Assistant Secretary to GFC and SCPC Coordinator

Discussion:

K Peters and H Richholt provided a brief orientation and touched on the committee's role and mandate and integration of the Indigenous Strategic Plan - Braiding Past, Present and Future into the committee's work and decision making. They spoke about the important perspectives that the committee brings to its review of proposals and the importance of asking questions. They also noted some of the items that would be coming to the committee this academic year.

A member asked about the current online format for student appeals.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Presenter(s): Deborah Eerkes, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator; Jax Oltean, Senior Legal Counsel

Discussion:

D Eerkes provided an overview of the proposal including the letter from the Minister of Advanced Education and the Associate Minister of Status of Women, and the amendments required by November 2022. She spoke about the extensive consultations completed over a tight timeline, the proposed revisions to the Sexual Violence Policy suite, and the creation of a new Student Conduct Policy suite to replace the non-academic portions of the Code of Student Behaviour. D Eerkes also highlighted the changes made to incorporate trauma informed and survivor focused processes and to improve procedural fairness.

Members discussed: the use of the term "ticket"; the separation of authority related to discipline and appeals; changes to the role and definition of the complainant and the respondent; changes to the role of University of Alberta Protective Services; and the communications and necessary transition period to help members of the campus communities adjust to the new processes.

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Sexual Violence Policy as identified in attachment 1.

CARRIED

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend the Board of Governors approve the Student Conduct Policy and associated Procedures identified in attachments 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CARRIED

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend the Board of Governors approve the rescission and amendment of the sections of the Code of Student Behaviour as identified in attachment 7.

CARRIED

CLOSING SESSION

6. Adjournment
 - Next Meeting of SCPC: September 22, 2022
 - Next Meeting of GFC: September 19, 2022