

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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**ATTENDEES:**

Joanna Harrington, Chair  
Joannie Fogue  
Carla Prado  
Judith Spiers  
Helen Vallianatos  
Adrienne Wright

*non-voting:*  
Chris Hackett  
Laura Riley  
Geoffrey Rode  
Marcel Roth  
Laurel Wilkie

**REGRETS:**

Cirila Bartley  
Brad Hamdon  
Devshri Lala  
Kate Peters  
Monisha Vinod

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator  
Faiza Billo

**OPENING SESSION**

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

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

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 October 20, 2023

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 October 20, 2022.

**CARRIED**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. 2021-2022 Annual Report of Student Conduct Responses

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Helen Vallianatos, Acting Vice-Provost and Dean of Students; Chris Hackett, Acting Director, Student Conduct & Accountability

*Discussion:*

H Vallianatos and C Hackett spoke about work in the Dean of Students' portfolio over the reporting period and noted that the low numbers of non-academic offenses reflect the low numbers of students on campus during the COVID-19 pandemic. They also pointed to the work of the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator and new ways to respond to sexual violence on campus. They noted the rapid shift to online learning in the spring of 2020, the trend of higher academic integrity violations with remote learning, changes in student/professor relationships, increased uptake in restorative justice, that prior projections regarding uptake were fairly accurate, and that the UofA is ahead of their peers in terms of restorative justice policies, practices and training. They also spoke about changes in training for staff and work to improve restorative justice systems.

Members discussed re-offenses, increase and benefits of restorative justice practices, the data and how it was presented in sections in the report, and student conduct and policy at Augustana.

4. 2021-2022 Annual Report of Appeals and Compliance Officer

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

*Discussion:*

L Riley provided an overview of her report, when the next report can be expected, and noted that the overall numbers of discipline decision cases decreased to be more in keeping with pre-pandemic case numbers.

There was no discussion.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

6. 2021- 2022 Office of the Student Ombuds Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Laurel Wilkie, Undergraduate Ombudsperson

*Discussion:*

L Wilkie went over some of the highlights in the report and acknowledged the increase in demand during the pandemic and the return to pre-pandemic numbers. She noted the differences in formal complaints versus allegations, the changes in contact methods/tracking, and the visibility/accessibility of services.

Members discussed the importance of neutral ombuds services for students, whether there was any information on the number of requests that could not be met, barriers due to language/translation of services/documents, and appreciation of the increased outreach to Campus Saint-Jean and Augustana students.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

7. Adjournment
  - Next Meeting of SCPC: April 20, 2023
  - Next Meeting of GFC: January 30, 2023