



General Faculties Council
Student Conduct Policy Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Joanna Harrington, Chair
Carla Prado
Kimberlee Billows
Talia Dixon
Paresh Kumar
Abner Monteiro
Helen Vallianatos
Adrienne Wright

non-voting:
David Draper (delegate)
Deborah Eerkes
Janice Johnson
Kate Peters
Michael Peterson
Marcel Roth

REGRETS:

Nikita Adekar
Lisa Glock
Brad Hamdon
Judith Spiers
Veronica Taylor

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 Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC)

Discussion:

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair made the following acknowledgement:

The University of Alberta resides on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. To acknowledge the territory is to recognize the longer history of these lands and signifies our commitment to working in Good Relations with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples as we engage in our institutional work.

Motion: Prado/Dixon

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 25, 2021

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: Billows/Prado

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of November 25, 2021.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

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

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed new members to the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of the Proposed Residence Community Standards Policy Suite and Rescission of the Current University of Alberta Residence Community Standards Policy

Presenter(s): Janice Johnson, Assistant Dean of Students, Residences; Alison Exner, Supervisor, Residence Life- Community Support

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is to request approval of the Residence Community Standards policy suite in University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL) and rescission of the current Residence Community Standards Policy.

Discussion:

The Chair noted that this item was before the committee for action to recommend to the Board of Governors as they were the final approver of this policy suite. She explained that the next steps for this item would be GFC Executive Committee, GFC, and then the Board of Governors. She also noted that once this policy suite had been approved the SCPC would have the delegated authority to approve revisions to the procedure.

J Johnson thanked members for their engagement, help and feedback through the consultation process. Members offered editorial suggestions and discussed the differences between the current confidentiality agreement in Appendix C and the proposed Residence Community Standards Procedure in Attachment 3.

Motion: Billows/Prado

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposed UAPPOL Residence Community Standards policy suite, as set forth in Attachments 2 and 3, and the rescission of the current Residence Community Standards Policy, as set forth in Attachment 5, all to take effect August 1, 2022.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Committee Terms of Reference Review

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

Discussion:

K Peters and H Richholt provided an overview of the review of the terms of reference including:

- The work of the Executive Subcommittee on Governance and Procedural Oversight (GPO) to review GFC standing committee terms of reference on a 3-year cycle;
- The composition of SCPC including the cross appointed member of the now disbanded GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC);
- That authority would need to be added once the Residence Community Standards Policy Suite passes as SCPC will have authority to approve revisions to the procedure;

- That the Board of Governors was currently reviewing their terms of reference and delegations of authority and that the authority set out in section 7 of SCPC's terms of reference had to be in alignment; and
- Whether the current committee composition was appropriate especially considering the resource members.

Members discussed the roles of the Office of General Counsel and the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator related to proposals that come to SCPC, the preference for the Chair to have legal training, and the valuable perspective of a member who has experience as an Associate Dean or University Appeals Board (UAB) Chair.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

7. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings
- University of Alberta Mail - Office of the Student Ombuds Annual Report

CLOSING SESSION

8. Adjournment
- Next Meeting of SCPC: April 21, 2022
- Next Meeting of GFC: January 31, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.