

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

Thursday, April 25, 2024
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Carla Prado, Vice-Chair
Michael Bartkus
Katelyn Brown
Michael Griffiths
Jun Hu
Tiffany Kung
Corinne Langinier
Geoffrey Rode

Ravina Sanghera
Judith Spiers
Adrienne Wright

non-voting:

Chris Hackett
Kate Peters
Laura Riley
Laurel Wilkie

REGRETS:

John Lemieux
Joanna Harrington (Chair)

Staff:

Carley Roth

OPENING SESSION

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

Note that materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

1. Approval of Agenda

Presenter(s): Carlo Prado, Vice-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 January 18, 2024

Presenter(s): Carlo Prado, Vice-Chair of SCPC

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the open session minutes of January 18, 2024.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Carlo Prado, Vice-Chair of SCPC

Discussion: The Vice-Chair welcomed M Bartkus and thanked the student members for their service over the past year. She noted the creation of a new permanent role to support prevention and response to sexual violence and that D Eerkes would be continuing in the role. She further noted that the authority delegated by GFC to SCPC was proposed to move to the Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE). K Peters added that resource members were proposed to move as well as the Vice-President (Student Life) from the University of Alberta Students' Union.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Student Academic Integrity Policy (SAIP)

Presenter(s): Chris Hackett, Student Conduct Officer, Student Services

Discussion: C Hackett thanked members for their engagement in the development of the proposal. He presented a proposed amendment to be made in Attachment 2, the Student Academic Misconduct Appeal Procedure, on page 5 under Section 5 (d)(i) which should begin with the word "select" not "elect". He confirmed this was the only change between the draft presented to SCPC in January.

He explained that the Office of General Counsel had noted a consideration for the implementation of the policy framework. Specifically, the date of approval is set for September 1, 2024 to allow for resources to be put in place for implementation. As a result, any offence after September 1 will fall under SAIP but any offence preceding that date will fall under the Code of Student Behaviour (COSB). Furthermore, where the academic misconduct occurred while the COSB was in effect and in cases where it is currently being addressed in accordance with the procedures under the COSB, that matter will continue to be addressed in accordance with the provisions of the COSB. However, in cases where the academic misconduct occurred while the COSB was in effect but where they were brought forward after the approval of the SAIP and before September 1, then the procedures set out in the SAIP will apply but all the rights articulated within the COSB will apply. After September 1, all academic misconduct will be addressed in accordance with SAIP. The rationale is that students cannot be charged under a policy that doesn't exist. Further, any processes concerning charges made under the COSB will need to be completed under the preceding policy framework.

The Chair reminded members that the entire university community had been given an opportunity to provide feedback on the report.

A member asked how to reconcile the statement that proceedings can't be referred to and the statement that the faculty may use information from the process.

There were no further questions or comments.

The motion was moved and seconded. A motion to present the amendment articulated by C Hackett was also moved, seconded and approved.

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend that the General Faculties Council approve the Student Academic Integrity Policy and associated Procedures identified in attachments 1 through 5, and as amended in Attachment 2, to rescind the Code of Student Behaviour, both to take effect September 1, 2024.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. The Office of the Student Ombuds - Annual Report

Presenter(s): Laurel Wilkie, Undergraduate Ombudsperson, Office of the Student Ombuds

Discussion: L Wilkie presented the Annual Report of the Office of the Student Ombuds, noting the role of the Office, statistics on their work, initiatives and supports available, and some notable trends.

Members asked questions including:

- The number of staff members and their roles; and
- How the Office supports students navigating the Sexual and Gender-based Violence Policy and whether there were any notable trends in challenges that students may perceive in navigating the policy;

CLOSING SESSION

6. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of SCPC: September 26, 2024
- Next Meeting of GFC: April 29, 2024