

November 30, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

4-02 SUB

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

### 2. Approval of Agenda

### 3. Standing Items

#### 3.1 Update from the Vice Provost and Dean of Students on current items:

- SV Policy – mostly done consultation, start approval in January and go through GFC in April/May.
- Writing Support – consulting on campus resources. Encourage students to participate in town halls and articulate needs. Already good initiatives on campus, but need to provide more writing support and earlier in programs. Need for portal to make resources known and accessible.

### 4. Discussion Items

#### 4.1 Sexual Violence Policy Suite – Deb Eerkes, Director, Student Conduct and Accountability

- Policy came from need to formalize the University's support for survivors—already had means for punishment for offenders. Creation of policy is 1 of 46 recommendations from Sexual Assault Report. Policy suite includes the policy, a procedure, and 3 information documents.
- Description of the policy including, for instance, difference between a disclosure and formal complaint. Individuals who make a disclosure can still get support, even without making a formal complaint.
- Description of the procedure, for instance, interim measures that can be used after an allegation is made and during the investigation process.
- Process for creating this policy suite: Small writing group, large consulting group, now in approval process. Limited window for making further edits—feedback invited.
- 4 working groups to implement other 45 recommendations from the Sexual Assault Report.
- Question on assessment—how are other institutions dealing with this issue? 25 AB institutions are collaborating on assessment. Some provinces have passed legislation that has mandated institutions must create policy. UofA is working with AB government to create a well thought-out policy.

- Summary of SV policy initiative: UofA committed to survivor support, procedural fairness, educating community, and balancing rights of person accused/survivor/community.

#### 4.2 Sexual Assault Awareness on Campus

- Need for online platform for reporting. Anonymous 3rd-party report. Intimidating to navigate reporting process.
- Currently have two options on campus.
  - Anonymous reporting system through Sexual Assault Centre provide alerts to police. EPS can go back to SAC when they've received multiple complaints and ask if individual will come forward to make formal complaint.
  - Online system through Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights.
  - Assessment Working Group is looking at Calisto, online platform specifically designed for sexual assault reporting.

#### 4.3 Appeals Committee/Board

- Admissions/application to specific streams of programs—insufficient feedback/support when not accepted to programs.
- Campaign with slogan: “Didn’t get into the program you applied to? Come talk to us.” Include info on resources.
- DoS says our office doesn’t have a lot of authority to address this issue, but we have influence. This is an academic advising issue. Some Faculties and Departments are better at supporting students in this situation than others. Need to hear from students so Dean of Students can work with Faculties.

#### 4.4 Eating in Libraries

- Noisy and smelly food in library. Disturbing.
- Suggestion to prohibit eating on “quiet floors”, limit food consumption to areas that allow noise.
- Libraries rep reported that this issue was addressed at Libraries Advisory Committee. Comments from students included: smell is objective, scent- and food-free zones would be good but also students spend long hours in library and need to eat, food also a cleanliness issue so maybe provide wipes, difficult to monitor.
- Campaigning aspect—need to raise awareness about civility. Libraries used to prohibit all food and drink, but rules have been relaxed as library services have expanded.

### 4.5 Promoting a Safe Long-Term Environment

- How can we promote a safer environment in the aftermath of xenophobic comments/actions?
- Excellent response to xenophobic posters from community with turban-tying event.
- Universities need to be very tolerant of ideas, and encourage safe exchanges of views.

### 4.6 Residence Rental Rates

- Rental rates rising since 2014 but off-campus rates dropping.
- International student fees also rising.
- DoS response: revenue is not going up (3-year tuition and non-instructional fees freeze) but expenses are going up.
- DoS will reach out to residences to provide rationale for increases

### 4.7 Student Experience Policy

- Brief explanation re Student Life Policy and procedures that will live under policy. Early stage of policy development. Will invite feedback from DAC.

### 4.8 Water Bottle Fill Stations

- CAB bottle fill station broken since beginning of semester. Lack of fill stations in CCIS.
- Idea to have campus-wide vote on where to locate water fountains.
- Notify Facilities & Operations.

Deferred to next Meeting:

Student mental health services, D. Vethanayagam

Undergraduate research in the Arts, N Eng

Next Meeting: January 25, 2017 4 - 6 pm, 4-02 SUB

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