



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Student Conduct Policy Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Penney, Chair
André Costopoulos
Jared Larsen
Rebecca Nagel
David Rayner
Andrea Urbina
Sasha van der Klein (delegate)

non-voting:
Meg Brolley
Deborah Eerkes
Janice Johnson
Michael Peterson
Marcel Roth
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison

REGRETS:

Andre Bourgeois
David Chung
Marion Haggarty-France
Wioletta Polanski
Beth Richardson
Nathan Sunday

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: van der Klein/Larsen

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 25, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Larsen/Nagel

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee approve the Minutes of October 25, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Steven Penney, Chair of GFC SCPC

The Chair noted that it had been a quiet year for the Committee with multiple meeting cancellations. He thanked student members for their service, as their terms would expire at the end of the month.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Editorial Amendment to the Code of Student Behaviour

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Meg Brolley, Secretary to GFC and Manager of GFC Services

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve editorial changes to the Code of Student Behaviour.

Discussion:

Ms Brolley presented the editorial change to the Code related to the name change of Alberta's Regulation.

Members discussed University policy regarding events on campus where alcohol was served.

The Chair asked that the amendment be considered as presented and asked the Governance team to bring more information back to the committee at a later date.

Motion: Larsen/Urbina

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve editorial amendments to the Code of Student Behaviour, as submitted by University Governance, and as set out in attachment 1, to take effect July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

5. Revision of the Terms of Reference for the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Meg Brolley, Secretary to GFC and Manager of GFC Services

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve revised Terms of Reference for the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC)

Ms Brolley noted that SCPC was the first of GFC's standing committees to update their terms of reference in response to the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority. She explained that recent changes to the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee, to include the appointment of the SCPC Chair and Vice-Chair, meant that minor revisions were required to reflect current process as noted in the approved Nominating Committee terms of reference.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: van der Klein/Larsen

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the proposed revision to the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee Terms of Reference as proposed by University Governance and as set forth in attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

EARLY CONSULTATION

6. Weapons on University Property

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Marcel Roth, Director, University of Alberta Protective Services

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide an overview of the incidents of weapons and replicas on campus and discuss strategies to mitigate risk.

Mr Roth presented information regarding reported incidents involving weapons and replicas on campus. He explained standard responses by University of Alberta's Protective Services (UAPS) and Edmonton Police Services (EPS) and noted potential risk to members of the community.

Discussion:

Members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: the variety of weapons involved in reports; the definition of "weapon"; potential concessions for religious items; education and training for staff; the criminal code; the importance of reasonable, informed, and educated policies and procedures; and the student discipline emphasis on education rather than punishment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Question Period

Members asked about upcoming changes to community standards for residences coming forward to SCPC for informal, early consultation. Ms Johnson noted that the approved changes would later come forward to SCPC for information.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.