



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Campus Law Review Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2017
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Penney, Chair
Danielle Bouchard
André Costopoulos
Deborah Eerkes
Janice Johnson
Rebecca Nagel
Babak Soltannia

Ilya Ushakov
Richelle Volk
Non-Voting:
Michael Peterson
Meg Brolley

REGRETS:
Brent Epperson

Michelle Kim
David Rayner
Bill Spinks
Andrea Urbina

STAFF:
Andrea Patrick, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Eerkes/Johnson

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 28, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Ushakov

THAT the GFC Campus Law Review Committee approve the Minutes of September 28, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported that proposed changes to the committee terms and reference and name will be considered by General Faculties Council at their next meeting scheduled on October 30, 2017.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics: 2016-2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Trent Nabe, Supervisor, Residence Life, East Campus

Purpose of the Proposal: To report to GFC the discipline statistics from the U of A residences for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Discussion:

Mr Nabe provided a summary of the report, adding that the use of restorative justice has been expanded to include maintenance and minor operational issues, which may have contributed to an increase in reported incidents.

In addition, Mr Nabe reported on processes around students of concern, incidents and supports at Lister, and the utilization of the housing management system software.

During the discussion, members enquired about incidents per student as well as decreased eviction rates.

5. Student Conduct and Accountability Annual Statistical Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Eerkes, Director, Student Conduct and Accountability

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide the GFC with the annual statistics of SCA for the 2016-17 academic year.

Discussion:

Ms Eerkes delivered a summary of the report noting a decrease in cases as well as cases by gender, international students, and year of study.

Members, during the ensuing discussion, enquired about the role of advisors and services provided by the Office of Student Ombuds. Members also discussed the role of additional supports for international students and preparations for the legalization of recreational cannabis.

6. Annual Report of the Appeals and Compliance Officer (2016-2017)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Michael Peterson, Appeals and Compliance Officer, University Governance

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC with the annual report of statistical information on discipline cases at the University of Alberta.

Discussion:

Mr Peterson indicated that the report includes information about discipline decisions and the appeal process. He noted that it contains data on the activities of the three university-level appeal bodies adding that these bodies represent the final level of appeal at the University of Alberta.

Members discussed offences by Faculty and members noted that it would be ideal to have statistics from each Faculty.

7. Proposed Student Groups Policy Suite

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): André Costopoulos, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students; Katherine Zwicker, Manager of Student Affairs

Purpose of the Proposal: To introduce the draft Student Groups Policy suite for discussion and invite feedback.

Discussion:

Dr Costopoulos reported that the draft policy represents an endeavour to replace the current Student Groups Procedure in UAPPOL. He indicated that it includes goals and principles of formal recognition between the university and student groups, and the obligations and privileges related to this formal relationship.

Dr Zwicker added that research supports a link between extracurricular activities and mental health and academic performance. She then provided a summary of the procedures noting that they include a clear description of decision-making processes as well as clarification surrounding expectations and responsibilities for all involved parties, including appeal processes.

During the discussion, members thanked the proposers for their consultation on the draft documents. In addition, they raised several points of clarification surrounding the draft proposal, including the denial of recognition of a student group based on duplication; the administrative burden of managing student groups; the timing of events approval; and the appeal processes.

A member noted the Students' Union (SU) objection to the utilization of the definition of Risk to Reputation and, in response, Dr Costopoulos replied that the Board of Governors must consider Risk to Reputation as part of their fiduciary duty and this definition evolved during the process of consultation.

Members engaged in discussion related to the risk assessment process and security costs used for some events on campus.

The Chair thanked Dr Costopoulos for his presentation.

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. Items Approved by the GFC Campus Law Review Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.