

Policy 236 Review Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Virtual via Zoom

Attendees: Bryanna Anderson, Kyle Baillie, Kara Bertram, Rebekah Bracket, Jas Braich, Emily Eglsaer, Martha Dow, Stephen Gaspar, Sarah Kopan, Greg Mather, Amanda Morrison, Mary Saudelli, Zoe Strazza, Carol Suhr, Tamzen Trowell, Rebecca Wassef, Christine Zapisocki.

Regrets: Anna Cook, Rajdeep Dhaliwal, Shawn Johnston, Jessica Levesque, Lisa Moy, Maureen Murphy, Betty Peters, Chantel Watt.

Minutes

The meeting began with a territory acknowledgment and reflection by a committee member. The agenda was also reviewed and there were no comments.

1. Minutes

- a. **Comments and Review:** There were no comments or questions of the minutes. The committee was asked to contact Kyle and Amanda with any future comments or concerns regarding the minutes.

2. Website

- a. **Update and View:** The committee was able to review the current webpage for the SVP Policy Review at:

<https://ufv.ca/sexualized-violence-prevention/policy-review>.

The webpage contains a MachForm for feedback and a request has been made to add sections for the meeting minutes and resources used in the process of this policy. The site is not currently live to the public.

- b. **Comments/Suggestions:** A question regarding the marketing approach was raised and the committee offered the following suggestions:
 - i. VP Students email, UFV Now, Important Notices
 - ii. Social media
 - iii. Email to all staff/students
 - iv. Present information in another language

- v. Reach out to Academic Advisors to present to students
- vi. Contact Student Union Society (SUS)
- vii. Five minute presentations to the various Faculty Councils

To make the webpage more effective it was suggested to ask for feedback on certain sections such as the definition of consent. Examples on how to do this on the webpage are by using headers, attaching PDF's or asking questions.

As part of the feedback process, the question to ask students if they know how to report after reading the policy was raised. The committee agreed that the policy and processes related to sexualized violence should be separate documents.

ACTION: Kyle and Amada will work on the website.

3. Consent

- a. **Myths About Consent Presentation:** The committee participated in a series of true or false questions and discussed to the myths of consent led by Bryanna and Jas.

Some of the discussion after the presentation included the following concepts:

- I. Consent cannot be given for others
- II. Coercion (verbal or otherwise)
- III. Power dynamics
- IV. Duress
- V. Ongoing and evolving definition of consent

- b. **Definition of Consent:** There was some discussion about the definition of consent, language and if the committee wanted to add a prohibited relationship clause/ power differential. Something similar to the UBC definition was suggested as it contains a longer definition and section 1.11 highlights the power clause. The reference, the UBC definition can be found on the link below:

https://universitycounsel-2015.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2020/09/Sexual-Misconduct-Policy_SC17.pdf

- 4. **Adjournments:** At the next meeting, the committee will review and make revisions to the draft policy.

ACTION: Kyle will put together a draft of the policy and send it out to everyone.

*****The next meeting is April 06, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm on Zoom*****