



UBC STEERING COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

December 1, 2016

9:00am-12:30pm

MEETING SUMMARY

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved by members.
Response to consultation update	<p>Louise Cowin updated the committee on the request for email acknowledgements to be distributed to those who provided feedback as part of the Policy Consultation. In discussion with University Counsel, 90% of submissions were received anonymously*. The Office of the University Counsel will systematize an automatic 'thank you and confirmation of receipt' message for future consultations. The submissions that were received via the Equity and Inclusion Office did receive an automatic response. The Broadcast email update to the community was sent out on December 1st, thank you to those who assisted with the draft message. (*Following the meeting, Margot Young asked Louise to request University Counsel to send acknowledgements to those submissions that were not submitted anonymously.)</p>
Discussion about the Sexual Violence Definitions	<p>Janine Benedet presented the definitions of terms under the legislation and articulated issues arising from each. The Committee discussed whether to recommend that the definitions be incorporated into the Policy or be part of the accompanying documents. The advantage of including definitions within the Policy is that it adds strength and clarity to the Policy. Because changes to the Policy require Board approval, a potential challenge might be keeping the definitions up-to-date.</p> <p>The Committee had a fulsome discussion regarding some of the issues arising from various definitions.</p> <p>ACTION: Janine Benedet will share discussed revisions and recommendations with the Policy Committee. ACTION: Louise Cowin will follow up with University Counsel to determine if the definitions are embedded in the Policy, an expedited annual review of the Policy is possible so as to ensure definitions remain current</p>



Sexual Assault Policy – Principles	<p>The Committee reviewed draft Policy principles and provided feedback and recommendations to the Policy Committee for each. The Committee reviewed statements from other institutions by way of comparison.</p> <p>ACTION: Margot Young will share the feedback with Kimberley Beck in advance of the next Policy Committee meeting.</p>
Structure and Process Working Group Report	<p>The Structure and Process Working Group shared their discussions with the committee. They have met three times and have discussed the role of support, working relationship with SASC, office structure and investigation process.</p> <p>Rabia Mir and Janet Teasdale are undergoing a consultation process with stakeholders.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>December 15, 9:00am – 12:30pm</p> <p>Tentative agenda to include the invitation of RCMP to attend; update from Structure and Process Working Group</p>