



The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee at its Thursday, January 23, 2020 meeting:

Agenda Title: **Proposed change to the Code of Student Behaviour Regarding Weapons on Campus**

CARRIED MOTION:

THAT the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the proposed addition to the Code of Student Behaviour, as submitted by University of Alberta Protective Services, as amended, to take effect July 1, 2020.

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Governance Executive Summary
Action Item

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Motion

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Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
Proposed by	Marcel Roth, Director, Protective Services
Presenter(s)	Marcel Roth, Director, Protective Services

Details

Responsibility	Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
The Purpose of the Proposal is <i>(please be specific)</i>	To propose an addition to the Code of Student Behaviour related to Weapons on Campus.
Executive Summary <i>(outline the specific item – and remember your audience)</i>	<p><u>Issue</u></p> <p>Incidents and complaints involving weapons and firearms on campus have increased in frequency in recent years. Most of these complaints involve UofA students. Another alarming trend has been the discovery of firearms and other weapons in University residences. Trends are both localized and national.</p> <p>Incidents of weapons on campus are normally reported to and coordinated with Edmonton Police Service (EPS). EPS must employ their standard response and the risk of injury or death to members of our community is serious. The high availability of realistic replicas of firearms add to that risk.</p> <p><u>UofA Policy Framework</u></p> <p>The University of Alberta Firearms Policy states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Privately owned firearms are not allowed (whether being transported or used) on University owned, leased, rented or controlled properties without the approval of Campus Security Services and the appropriate Dean or Unit Director.</p> <p>Recent changes have been made to Residence Agreements to include the following language:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">8b: [The resident will] ensure that no firearms, weapons (including, but not limited to, air soft or paintball recreational guns, knives, swords or martial arts weaponry) or replica</p>

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	<p>weapons are allowed in or on the Premises. Possession of any weapon or replica weapon (without express prior written consent of the Landlord) is considered a substantial breach of this Residence Agreement and may result in immediate eviction.</p> <p>Section 30.3.4(6)(c) in the Code of Student Behaviour (COSB) states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No Student shall create a condition which endangers or potentially endangers or threatens the health, safety or well being of other persons.</p> <p><u>Proposed Mitigation Strategies</u></p> <p>A specific section regarding weapons within the COSB to reflect the seriousness and potential consequences of possession of a weapon while on University of Alberta property is needed.</p> <p>Coordinated communication and education are also key to this initiative.</p>
Supplementary Notes and context	<This section is for use by University Governance only to outline governance process.>

Engagement and Routing (Include meeting dates)

<p>Consultation and Stakeholder Participation (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)</p> <p><For information on the protocol see the Governance Resources section Student Participation Protocol></p>	<p><u>Those who are actively participating:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective Services
	<p><u>Those who have been consulted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFC SCPC - April 11, November 28, 2019 • GFC Executive Committee – January 13, 2020 • General Faculties Council – November 25, 2019 • Dean of Students • Student Conduct and Accountability • General Counsel • Students’ Union • Graduate Students’ Association • Council on Student Affairs – November 28, 2019
	<p><u>Those who have been informed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	<p>GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee – January 23, 2020 GFC Executive Committee – February 10, 2020 General Faculties Council – February 24, 2020 Board Audit and Risk Committee – April 20, 2020 Board Learning, Research and Student Experience Committee – April 24, 2020 Board of Governors – May 8, 2020</p>

Strategic Alignment

Alignment with <i>For the Public Good</i>	Objective 19 (iii) – Sustain – aligns the proposed outcome with endorsing a culture of safety awareness, knowledge, planning, and practice to ensure campus safety.	
Alignment with Core Risk Area	Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty and Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> IT Services, Software and Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Change <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Enterprise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Success
Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction	<i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i> GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee General Faculties Council	

Attachments (each to be numbered 1 - <>)

1. Proposed Addition to the Code of Student Behaviour (p.1)

Links:

[Residence Conduct Guide](#)

[Residence Agreement](#)

[U of A Residence Community Standards Policy](#)

[Code of Student Behavior](#)

[UAPPOL Firearms Policy](#) (and related procedures)

Prepared by: Marcel Roth, Director, UofA Protective Services

PROPOSED:

30.3.4 (6) f No Student shall possess any weapon, unless authorized by UofA Protective Services

A weapon is:

- a) a firearm, ammunition, air gun, explosive device or their replicas;***
- b) other items prohibited by law in Canada or their replicas (examples include but are not limited to: brass knuckles, pepper spray, switchblade knives, butterfly knives, nunchucks).***