

York University

# **REVIEW OF THE CODE OF STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES (CSRR)**

2019

**BACKGROUND:**

The York University Act, 1965 empowers the President “to formulate and implement regulations governing the conduct of students and student activities” (s.13(2)(c)).

Student conduct was originally directed under Presidential Regulations #2 & 3. In 2006 a new Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR) was introduced recognizing that the previous process was out of date and needed to be more transparent. The President has assigned to the Vice-Provost Students, through the Office of Student Community Relations (OSCR), the responsibility for the administration of the CSRR. In developing the CSRR, there was an extensive consultative process involving students, staff and faculty. In addition to scheduled meetings, eight public fora were held as well as an online survey to facilitate anonymous feedback. A process of regular review is built into the CSRR in section 16 which requires that the Code “be reviewed after two years and thereafter every three years.”

The CSRR was accordingly reviewed and revised in 2010 and 2015. These reviews again included consultation with students, staff and faculty, and consultation with local adjudicators and tribunal members, students who had been exposed to the CSRR process, CLASP, Residence Life and the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion (REI).

As prescribed under the CSRR a review began in late 2018. In keeping with past practice, the Vice-Provost Students and OSCR will ensure extensive consultation as part of the review framework.

The process, already underway, began November 2018 with a 90-minute discussion by members of the Student Representative Roundtable and is anticipated to conclude July 2019.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW:**

The Office of Community Support & Services has carriage for facilitating this review. Alfred Ene, Manager, Office of Student Community Relations (OSCR) will manage the review process.

This office will also provide the support to the review.

## **The Review will**

- Ensure alignment of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR) with prevailing University policies and guidelines<sup>1</sup>;
- Explore improvements to existing processes under the CSRR for addressing student non-academic conduct with a view to ensuring procedural fairness, clarity of expectations and overall student development as well as community building;
- Consider clarifying language for terms referenced in the document;
- Update and reflect administrative changes, including but not limited to department names and positions that have taken place since the last iteration.

## **PROCESS:**

A consultation process will be undertaken to invite community participation from students, staff and faculty. Attached as Appendix A are the details of the constituent(s) groups invited and timelines that have been scheduled or anticipated. The in-person consultation is by invitation and is expected to be completed by June 2019.

In addition, an open web-based process will be made available closer to the end of the process to provide those who have not participated with the opportunity to do so.

Input/recommendation from the consultation processes will be collated and reviewed by a Working Group (WG) that will include a representative from the following groups/offices:

- OSCR – Chair
- Community Support & Services
- York Federation of Students (YFS)
- Glendon College Student Union (GCSU)
- York University Graduate Students Association (YUGSA)
- Faculty Representation
- University Tribunal Member/Local Adjudicator
- Centre for Human Rights, Equity & Inclusion (REI)
- Residence Life
- Osgoode Legal & Literary Society

Recommendations from the WG will be forwarded to the Vice-Provost Students for review and comment. At the discretion of the Vice-Provost Students, questions may be referred back to the WG for clarification. The Vice-Provost Students will also seek input from the Free Speech Working Group to be established by the President.

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<sup>1</sup> Sexual Violence Policy, Free Speech Statement of Policy etc.

Recommendations from Vice-Provost Students will be forwarded to the President for final approval as per the York University Act, 1965, paragraph 13(2)(C). The Vice-Provost Students will also share with the President the submissions and input received through the community consultations.

The revised CSRR will be made available to the York community via email and on the website. There will be a limited number of printed copies available.

**TIMELINE:**

January to June – Consultation Meetings

June – Working Group on the CSRR Review

July – Vice-Provost Students and Office of the President

August – Distribution of revised CSRR via email, website and printed copies.

September – Implementation