Advisory Group: Sexualized Violence Policy

Member recruitment

Background

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response (SVPR) Policy was created in recognition that sexualized violence is a pervasive problem both on and off campus and the university has an important role to play in both preventing and responding to sexualized violence. UVic's initial SVPR Policy was launched in 2016.

In addition to providing UVic's definition of sexualized violence, the policy and its related procedures outline how someone can bring forward reports or concerns of sexualized violence, what support someone who has experienced harm can expect to receive and various options for addressing harm. You can read more about some of the highlights in our current policy here .

The Policy applies to and supports all University community members, including but not limited to:

- students (including credit and non-credit students, distance students and continuing studies students);
- faculty, librarians and staff members;
- post-doctoral fellows and visiting researchers;
- university leaders (including the members of Board of Governors and Senate).

Institutional policies are one way to support culture change and address problematic behaviour. Read more about the policy review at www.uvic.ca/sexualizedviolence/policy/review.

Group role

UVic's new Discrimination and Harassment Prevention and Response (D&H) Policy was drafted based on the structure and procedures of the SVPR Policy meaning the policies share significant similarities. Therefore, given recent review of the D&H Policy and that the SVPR Policy was reviewed in 2020/2021 with extensive community consultation, this jetion policy definitions, principles, scope and jurisdiction.

The SVPR Advisory Group will meet every two weeks to discuss applying the learnings to community engagement on relevant policy areas.

Eligibility requirements

The Advisory Group will be composed of approximately 20 members who:

- Are a current UVic student (undergraduate or graduate) or employee (e.g. faculty, librarian, staff)