



Student Society
of UBC Vancouver

Submission to the UBC Board of Governors regarding UBC Policy 131, Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct, Small Policy Review September 2nd, 2018

Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to completion of the Small Policy Review of UBC Policy 131, Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

The AMS is supportive of the current process UBC is undergoing to strengthen the implementation of Policy 131. The June Workshops, wherein key internal stakeholders were consulted and had a dialogue about experiences over the last 12 months, were found to be a productive step in the right direction towards a functional implementation of Policy 131.

Stakeholders who attended the workshops collectively identified seventeen key issues relating to Policy 131 that need to be addressed. The AMS encourages rapid progress toward the successful implementation of all the identified concerns; there is an urgency to address these operational inadequacies since survivors continue to feel the negative impacts.

We see the value in the university making key operational changes and continuing to implement the policy now, which will allow for any additional challenges to be identified. We look forward to seeing procedural changes, and feel that *one academic year* is enough time to improve the seventeen issues identified.

This timeline will allow for the university to observe the policy in its entirety. After one year, a full policy review process can be conducted starting mid to late 2019, rather than in 2020 as is currently projected. Given the challenges that have been identified with this policy since its creation, waiting until 2020 will leave many issues unresolved.

The AMS appreciates student involvement in this process and hopes that the university will continue to report back on the progress of all seventeen identified issues. We hope the Board of Governors will continue to stay involved in the implementation of this important Policy, and appreciate the continued work of the Board of Governors and your consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

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