

**Informal Session of the Senate
April 22, 2010**

Working Group to Review
the
Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Policy and Procedure

Interim Report to Senate
March 25, 2010

Background

Following Keith Norton's report *Review of the Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Policy and Procedure of Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario* to Senate in November 2007, the Senate appointed a Working Group to review his recommendations and to make changes to the existing policy and procedure. The Working Group has attempted to respond to Mr. Norton's recommendations respecting the *Policy and Procedure's* clarity, scope, applicability, fairness and due process.

Analysis and Discussion

The Working Group considered current legislation and case law in addition to the recommendations prepared by Mr. Keith Norton, which can be found at http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Jan24_08/Norton.pdf.

The Working Group has drafted a revised policy entitled *Human Rights Policy and Procedure: Harassment, Discrimination, and Accommodation* for review and comment by the Senate and the Queen's University community. The draft policy can be found at http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Mar25_10/plcydrft.pdf.

Some of the more significant changes to the Policy are outlined below for consideration:

1. The document has been reordered. Definitions are located within the body of the Procedure rather than as a section immediately following the Policy itself. The definitions are more global and include a definition of accommodation. A final section comprising a glossary to provide more detail has been added at the end of the document.
2. The Policy section has annotations along the side of the text. We would appreciate some feedback as to how helpful this format is and whether the entire text should be formatted in this way.
3. Sections 3, 4, and 5 respectively address the applicability of the procedure for non-University members and with respect to non-University employment,

6. A respondent will be referred to the Coor