Report to the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

Information Item

Topic: Brock University's Academic Integrity Policy Review Timeline

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1. Purpose of the Report

- To share the Academic Integrity Policy review timeline.

2. Rationale/Background

- Brock University's Academic Integrity Policy was last updated in May 2023. Since then, many academic integrity processes and practices have been identified as being misaligned with the policy in its current form. As such, a broad consultation process is underway to inform the revision and modernization of the policy.

3. Appendix

- Academic Integrity Policy Review Timeline

Academic Integrity Policy Review Timeline (DRAFT)

Purpose

To undertake a comprehensive and consultative review of Brock University's Academic Integrity Policy in preparation for its scheduled review in April 2027, ensuring the policy continues to promote and educate academic integrity through meaningful engagement with institutional partners and alignment with the academic plan, maintaining procedural fairness, transparent processes, and consistent application.

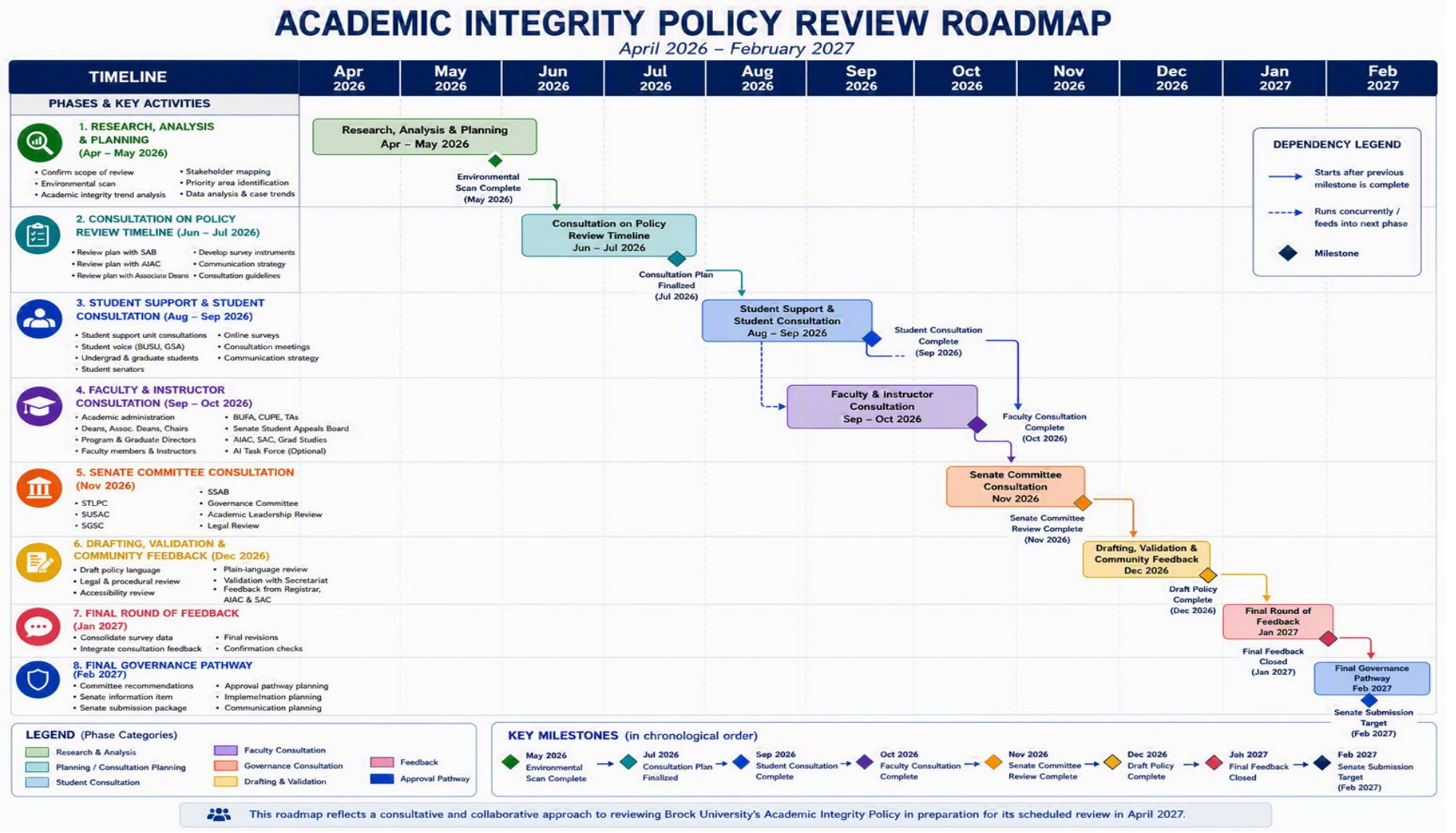
This review will also consider emerging academic, technological, pedagogical, and student-support challenges to ensure the policy remains responsive, educationally meaningful, and effective in sustaining Brock University's culture of academic integrity.

A few important Brock-specific anchors that informed this timeline:

- The Brock University Academic Integrity Policy is a Senate-approved academic policy (Brock University Academic Policies)
- Academic integrity findings can ultimately be appealed to the Senate Student Appeals Board, making the procedural perspective of this Senate committee essential in any policy review (Student Senate Appeals)
- Brock's current policy explicitly identifies multiple administrative actors including Chairs, Graduate Program Directors, Deans, Graduate Studies, Student Appeals Board, and Senate

Below is a proposed high-level Academic Integrity Policy Review Timeline which considers this landscape.

Proposed Timeline



Phase 1- Project Initiation & Environmental Scan (April - May 2026)- Complete

Objectives

- Confirm scope of review
- Identify priority policy areas
- Map stakeholders
- Complete environmental scan
- Data analysis regarding case trends

Outputs

- Environmental Scan Report
- Policy Priority Areas
- Academic Integrity Data

Phase 2 – Consultation on Policy Review Timeline (June -July 2026)- Complete

Consultation Plan Review

- Develop survey and consultation guidelines

Phase 3 - Consultation Begins (August- September 2026)-In progress

Consultation Engagement – Student Support Units

- Learning Services
- Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre (SWAC)
- Student Accessibility Services
- Student Ombudsperson
- Registrar/Brock Central
- Trauma Informed Practices Groups (TIPS)
- Brock International
- Student Life and Success
- Black Student Success Centre
- HRE
- Hadiya'dagénhahs
- Brock Library

- Academic Advising

Guiding Consultation Questions

- Where are procedural challenges?
- Where are inconsistencies in implementation?
- What policy gaps exist?
- Graduate-specific concerns?
- AI-related concerns?
- Accessibility concerns?

Consultation Groups – Student Voice & Student Governance Consultation

1. Undergraduate Students
   - Brock University Students' Union (BUSU)
   - Undergraduate students in general through the BUSU newsletter
   - Undergraduate student senators
2. Graduate Students
   - Brock Graduate Students' Association (GSA)
   - Graduate students in general through the GSA newsletter
3. Including in the Provost's memoranda and/or CPI Newsletter

Consultation Methods

- Online Survey
- Consultation Meetings if needed

Additional Questions for Students

- Do students understand the current academic misconduct process?
- Where is the communication unclear?
- Is the process experienced as educational or punitive?
- Are support resources visible and are the students aware of them?

Phase 4 - Faculty & Instructor Consultation (September-October 2026)

Groups to Engage through Online Survey

1. Academic Administration
   - Deans
   - Associate Deans
   - Department Chairs
   - Program Directors

- Graduate Program Directors

2. Graduate Leadership
   - Faculty of Graduate Studies & Postdoctoral Affairs
3. Brock University Faculty Association (BUFA)
   - Faculty members
4. CUPE
   - Instructors
   - Teaching assistants/Lab demonstrators
5. Student Governance & Appeals
   - Senate Student Appeals Board
   - Student Senators
6. AIAC for information
7. Teaching & Learning Practices Working Group of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Consultation Formats

- Online Survey-Qualtrics
- Consultation meetings if need be

Focus Areas for Questions

- Reporting related concern
- Sharing of Evidence
- Meeting procedures
- Repetition of offences

Phase 5 - Senate Committee Consultation (November 2026)

Formal Governance Feedback

Senate Committees

- Senate Teaching & Learning Policy Committee (T&LPC)
- Senate Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee
- Senate Graduate Studies Committee
- Senate Student Appeals Board
- Senate Governance Committee (if procedural changes required)
- Faculty and Staff Relations

Brock University Senate oversees academic policy approval. (Brock University Senate)

Areas to consider

- Present survey/consultation findings
- Identify policy implications
- Test draft amendments
- Receive committee feedback

Phase 6 - Drafting, Validation & Community Feedback (December 2026)

Activities

- Draft revised policy language
- Legal/procedural consistency review
- Accessibility/plain-language review
- Cross-check appeals language with Student Appeals Board

Groups

- University Secretariat
- Registrar
- AIAC

Phase 7 - Final round of Feedback (January 2027)

- Accumulating all the feedback from the online tools and in-person consultations
- Looking for any final feedback to be included

Phase 8 - Final Governance Pathway (from February 2027)

Sequence

- Motion to T&LPC (February or March)
- Senate Committee recommendation
- Senate Agenda Item

Outputs

- Final Consultation Report
- Policy Revision Memo
- Implementation Plan and Communication Strategy