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The Internationalization of a Sexual Violence Policy

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Universities across Canada have experienced a significant increase in international students in recent years. With many universities now prospering in international student tuition dollars, it is important that the institutions ensure that they accommodate both domestic and international students, and that policies reflect the current student demographic. The problem of practice (PoP) addressed in my Organizational Improvement Plan (OIP) is the lack of intercultural perspectives and international student considerations represented in the ABCU 2020 sexual violence policy draft. Drawing on recommendations outlined in a research project report, the OIP discusses why policy reform is necessary through critical and intersectional perspectives, and outlines several solutions. Including international students' voices will provide policymakers and educators with insight and knowledge into international students' experiences in Canadian universities. Policies that protect student health and well-being must be inclusive and responsive to the equitable needs of the student population.