

**Faculty Senate Ethics and Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
September 17, 2015**

**Members Present:** Gail Houston, Martha Faulkner, Ann Murphy, and Nicholas Schlereth

**Members Absent:** Teddy Warner, Luis Campos, David Witherington, and David Cavazos

**Guests Present:** Kimberly Gaudermann, Faculty Senate Policy Committee Vice Chair

**Staff Present:** Brianne Santos, Administrative Assistant 3

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Committee Charge with Kimberly Gauderman Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate Policy Committee**

Following a meeting between Ethics Committee Chair Gail Houston, then Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle, and Richard Holder Faculty Senate Past President regarding the Committee charge; Dr. Holder took the draft charge to the Policy Committee for review at their June 2015 meeting.

Dr. Gauderman began the discussion explaining concerns the Policy Committee had with the word “adjudicate” in the draft charges. She suggested that the word be removed from the draft charge. The Committee explained that per Faculty Handbook Policy C07 Faculty Disciplinary Policy Section 11, the Faculty Senate Ethics and Advisory Committee does, in fact, hold faculty peer hearings. Two committee members are chosen along with a chair of a department not related to the case chosen by the Provost/Chancellor to hear a faculty complaint. Dr. Gauderman then suggested detailing on why the Committee will be adjudicating. She stated that generally a member of the Committee whose charge is being discussed would be present at the Policy Committee meeting to support any questions. This was the only note Dr. Gauderman had from the Policy Committee.

Dr. Gauderman will return to the Policy Committee with the new information. She suggested making the changes and then resubmitting the charge to the Policy Committee. She also suggested that the Committee have procedures drafted for the peer hearings to discuss with the Policy Committee when they present their charge.

**Discuss Dr. Gauderman’s Comments**

The Committee agreed with the suggested changes and made the edits to the draft charge. The composition of the Committee in the current charge was added into the draft as well. The Committee voted on the current language and it was passed with a unanimous vote by those present. Chair Houston will send the draft on the listserv to get feedback from those not in attendance.

**Discuss Process**

Due to time constraints the Committee decided to table this discussion for the meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.