

Faculty Senate Policy Committee
Meeting Notes
November 7, 2011

Members Present: Nikki Katalanos, Richard Holder (Chair), Tim Lowrey, Irene Vazquez,
Members Absent: Floyd Kezele (excused), Jackie Hood (excused), and Martha Muller (excused)
Guests Present: Tim Ross (Faculty Senate President) and Amy Neel (Faculty Senate President Elect)
Staff Present: Melanie Baise (University Counsel Office), Rick Holmes (Office of the University Secretary), and Vivian Valencia (University Secretary)

1. Approval of October 3, 2011 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were approved with one correction.

2. Endowed Chair Policy

Chair Richard Holder stated that the draft Endowed Chair Policy was a good starting point for separating policies from procedures in the Faculty Handbook. In its present state, the policy is too verbose and too long. Like the Lecturer Policy, this policy should be shortened to resemble the Clinician Educator faculty title.

FS President Tim Ross requests the Policy Committee revise the policy. The Provost's Office has recently completed a study of Endowed Chairs. Dr. Holder will request a copy from Associate Provost Jane Slaughter. Nikki Katalanos will review the report from HSC issues and Richard Holder for Main Campus issues.

Rick Holmes will send the current version of the Endowed Chair Policy to Nikki and Richard.

3. Faculty Disciplinary Policy

The HSC expressed concern that the Policy does not mention anything regarding faculty due process. Melanie Baise stated that University Counsel Lee Pfeifer determined that the entire policy itself is an expression of faculty due process and adding it to the policy is unnecessary.

The Faculty Disciplinary Policy will be on the Board of Regents Academic Student Affairs and Research Committee agenda on December 7, 2011 for consideration.

4. Lecturer Policy

The Lecturer Policy should to be revised to resemble the Clinician Educator Policy in the Faculty Handbook. The core description will be pulled out for the actual policy and the remaining text moved to the procedures.

Lecturer Bob Busch is in the process of revising the policy. It was suggested that the policy be reviewed by University Counsel once it is revised and approved by Policy and AF&T.

5. Teaching Load (Policies C100 and C110)

There is nothing new since the last Policy Committee meeting in October 2011. There has been no feedback submitted on the proposal. The actual workload formula is kept in the Provost's Office and is not a FHB policy.

Policy C100 is easier to manage than C110. It must be iterated that teaching is more than just classroom time in front of students. Any changes should define teaching and revise the teaching pedagogy to include research and one-on-one teaching. Policy 100 should refer to Policy C110 for the teaching portion.

Changes to the nine or twelve credit hours are dangerous and problematic.

In any revisions to C00 and C110 the Policy Committee will retain judgment in determining the stakeholders and what steps to approval are taken.

Dr. Holder will prepare a draft for the December 5, 2011 Policy Committee meeting.

6. HSC Council Charge

Nikki Katalanos presented the draft HSC Council Charge. It was modeled after the original from the pilot. The HSC Council kept the charge simple. The HSC Council approved the charge to move forward to the Policy Committee and Faculty Senate.

University Secretary Vivian Valencia expressed concern over the 'to deliberate and act on behalf of the UNM Faculty Senate' text in the first line of the charge. She explains that the 'act on behalf' wording usurps the authority of the Faculty Senate and establishes the HSC Council as a separate Faculty Senate. There have already been issues regarding Main and North campus approvals and jurisdictions over curricula, graduate approval, and naming of facilities approvals. The Faculty Senate represents faculty on all campuses.

Nikki explained that it is not the intent to establish a separate senate. The HSC Council is intended to operate with the Faculty Senate. Nikki will take the issue back to the HSC Council.

7. Developing a Policy on Policies

Vivian notified the committee of a draft Policy on Policies she has completed. Dr. Holder will review and distribute the draft to the Policy committee before the next meeting.

8. Old Business/New Business

No new or old business was raised. The next meeting is December 5, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.