

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

March 7, 2018

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Martha Muller (Co-Chair), Kimberly Gauderman (Co-Chair), Jamal Martin, Marsha Baum, Michele Marsee and Leslie Oakes

Ex-Officio: Richard Wood, Senior Vice Provost, Provost Office, John Trotter, HSC Vice Chancellor Emeritus, HSC, Kimberly Bell, Deputy University Counsel, University Counsel Office, Kenedi Hubbard, University Secretary, Office of the Secretary

Members Absent: Barbara Hannan and Melinda Tinkle

Ex-Officio Absent:

Staff Present: Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary, Administrative Coordinator, Carol Stephens, Office of the Secretary, Professional Consultant

Guest Present: Jonathan Wheeler, Assistant Professor

Meeting began at 3:30pm

1. The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) Policy Committee was called to order at 3:30PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in Scholes Hall, Room 101 by Co-Chairs, Kimberly Gauderman and Martha Muller.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes.** Approved
4. **Updates.** Faculty Senate Bylaws and Related Council and Committee policy drafts. The memo on A60 was sent forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee.
5. **A63.5 “Information Technology Use Committee”.** The proposed draft revision of this policy includes a joint IT group. The issue of decoupling patient information from systems and interfaces was discussed. One member added that the decoupling is more in research through

patient care technology. The committee decided to go with the composition from the January draft. In addition, the current Chair of the IT Use Committee welcomed the idea of having a co-chair. It was explained that some of the functions of this committee include: involvement with the faculty IT survey revision on the new governance structure for IT, provide recommendations regarding IT revisions, faculty annual activity report, and faculty activity database.

Action- The committee decided to take patient care out anywhere it appears in the policy. All the blue wording will be deleted. The membership will remain. The committee voted to approve this policy with the proposed modifications. The policy draft passed with one abstention.

6. **C07 “Faculty Discipline Policy” & RPM 5.19 “Faculty Misconduct and Discipline”.** The “injured reputation” language contained in this policy is still very problematic. One committee member commented that restoring the respondent’s reputation is an unreasonable expectation that a chair cannot manage. Another member stated that at a minimum the chair could at least “clear the record”.

Action- Strike the second sentence in 1.1 of procedures. Delete “to the extent possible”.

A comment was made that most chairs in HSC want direction over using their own discretion. One member reminded the committee that initial steps should be taken so that it doesn’t need to escalate the dean.

7. **C05 “State of Emergency”.**

Action- No further comments on this policy. All members voted to approve this policy moving forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee to be released to all faculty for review and comment.

8. **A 52.1.1. “Faculty Misconduct Review Committee”.**

Action- All members voted to approve this policy moving forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee to be released to all faculty for review and comment.

9. **D50 “Assignment of Credit Hours”.** This policy is before the committee and came about due to the HLC requirements.

Action- All members voted to approve this policy moving forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee to be released to all faculty for review and comment.

Adjourn: 5:00pm