

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

December 4, 2019

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

Members Present: Leslie Oakes (Co-Chair), Karen Patterson, Ronda Brulotte, Jamal Martin, Lee Brown and Elizabeth Hutchison

Members Absent: Monika Nitsche

Ex-Officio: Barbara Rodriguez, Senior Vice Provost, Provost Office, Katherine Miefert, Associate University Counsel, University Counsel Office, Kenedi Hubbard and University Secretary, Office of the Secretary, and Amy Levi, HSC Vice Chancellor, HSC

Ex-Officio Absent:

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

Guest Present:

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, December 4, 2019 in Scholes Hall, Room 101 by Chair, Leslie Oakes.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes.**
Approved
4. **Updates.** The Faculty Senate Policy Committee discussed that there is a need for more members to fill the current vacancies. The next policy meeting date is Wednesday, February 5, 2020. It will be held from 10:00AM-2:00PM or 11:00AM-3:00PM. A follow-up meeting regarding the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Council and Committee charges will be sent to remind councils and committees to review and submit their revised charges. Regarding the Section B taskforce, there

are no concerns. The Faculty Senate will vote in January. A memo explaining the Section B revisions will be posted for comment with contact information. It was mentioned that the University Policy Office will remain a separate entity under the Executive Vice President for Finance.

- 5. D170 “Student Attendance” review comments received and make any changes.** The policy revision comments were discussed. Faculty Senate Athletics Council Chair, Michael Rocca sent in a comment statement on behalf of himself, and Professor Amy Neel, UNM Faculty Athletic Representative regarding revisions to D170. The committee continued policy comment discussion and determined all comments and concerns were considered/addressed.

Action- Motion to approve all policy revisions was approved unanimously. D170 will move forward for Faculty Senate approval. A response to Chair Rocca and Faculty Senate President, Finnie Coleman will be sent.

- 6. A53.1 “Policies Applicable to Faculty”.**

Action- Motion to approve and accept all updates to policy table in the Faculty Handbook was approved unanimously.

- 7. Consensual Relationships Policy.** Discussion regarding this subject continued. It was mentioned that faculty and students who are out in the field should operate under codes of conduct. This protects students from misconduct claims and occurrences. Discussion over field work jurisdiction and affiliation agreements continued. A member stated that the NSF and NIH have implemented policies on misconduct issues. Faculty hiring is one of the critical areas. Another member indicated that UC Davis has a good policy model to address these issues. The University of Wisconsin System was also mentioned as an appropriate policy model. Regarding faculty hiring it was discussed that there are specific permissions to release in order to review materials from prior institutions. It was questioned whether the university is cautious when contacting references in the search process. Criminal background checks were also discussed.

- 8. Adjourn: 5:00pm**