

A67 ^{A61.8} **Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee**

(Placed in new policy format, renumbered and revised to update procedures)

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of University Secretary

Legend: Proposed changes are highlighted in red.

Revisions to the Policy Rationale, Policy Statement, and Applicability sections of this document must be approved by the full Faculty Senate.

POLICY RATIONALE

The Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee's function is to informally investigate the facts and make recommendations when a faculty member has been accused of conduct inconsistent with the Statement on Professional Ethics (Section B: Appendix V).

POLICY STATEMENT

The Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee shall advise and consult with the UNM President, the Provost/Executive Vice President for Health Sciences (EVPHS) Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University, or the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure regarding action to be taken, if any, where a faculty member or a graduate teaching, research, or project assistant in the course performance of his or her instructional or research-related duties is accused of unethical behavior as defined by the Statement of Professional Ethics (Section B, Appendix V). The Committee shall also familiarize itself with the Statement on Professional Ethics (See Section B, Appendix V). page 53, Policy on Academic Freedom and Tenure. The Committee may decide that a complaint falls outside its mandate and decline to investigate.

Membership: Nine (9) ~~Seven (7)~~ faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate and one (1) graduate or professional student appointed by the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA). The graduate or professional student attends only those meetings or parts of meetings pertaining to cases involving a graduate or professional student behavior. Members of the Committee shall serve for overlapping, ~~two~~-three-year terms. The Chairperson shall be elected each year by the Committee and shall be a tenured faculty member.

APPLICABILITY

All UNM faculty, including the Health Sciences Center and Branch Community Campuses.

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the

DEFINITIONS

There are no specific definitions required by this Policy.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

- All UNM faculty.
- Academic administrators and staff.
- Administrative staff responsible for policy development.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Faculty Handbook:

[Policy A51](#) "Faculty Constitution"

[Policy A53](#) "Development and Approval of Faculty Policies"

[Policy A60](#) "Faculty Senate Bylaws"

[Policy C07](#) "Faculty Disciplinary Policy"

[Section B Appendix V](#) "2009 Statement on Professional Ethics"

[Section B Appendix VIII](#) "Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee"

CONTACTS

Direct any questions about this policy to Office of the University Secretary.

PROCEDURES

The Ethics and Advisory Committee will schedule regular meetings. The Ethics and Advisory Committee reports directly to the Operations Committee regarding membership and Committee responsibilities listed in the Committee's charge. However, deliberations, recommendations, and decisions resulting from investigations conducted by the Ethics and Advisory Committee are reported to the appropriate UNM official(s) and/or AF&T in accordance with Faculty Handbook Section B which includes Appendix VIII "Faculty Ethics and Advisory Committee."

DRAFT HISTORY

September 22, 2020 – Add clarification on graduate or professional student member.

September 3, 2020 –new policy format, renumbered, update # of members and terms.

HISTORY

Initial Effective Date: Unknown