

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

February 3, 2021

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

Members Present: Karen Patterson (Co-Chair), Lee Brown (Co-Chair), Robert Christenson, Min Young Ro, Matthew Hofer, Monika Nitsche, and Ronda Brulotte

Ex-Officio: Barbara Rodriguez, Senior Vice Provost, Office of the Provost
Amy Levi, Vice Chancellor, HSC, Brandon Toensing, Associate University Counsel, University Counsel Office, Nancy Middlebrook, University Secretary, Office of the University Secretary, and Vivian Valencia, University Secretary Emerita, Office of the University Secretary

Members Absent: Kelley Holladay and Karen Armitage

Ex-Officio Absent:

Staff Present: Candyce Torres, Administrative Coordinator, Office of the University Secretary, Felisha Martinez, Office of the University Secretary, Administrative Assistant III, Carol Stephens, Professional Consultant, Office of the Secretary

Guest Present: Grace Faustino, Research IT Liaison, Vice President for Research, Karl Benedict, Associate Professor, Director of Research Data Services, Christine Delucas, Faculty Senate Curricula Committee Chair, and Pamela Cheek, Associate Vice Provost, Office of the Provost

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, February 3, 2021 via zoom by Co-Chairs, Drs. Karen Patterson, and Lee Brown.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved

3. Meeting Notes. Approved

- 4. Updates. C07 “Faculty Misconduct and Progressive Discipline Policy” and A53.1 “Faculty.** C07 and FMRC were presented and discussed to Faculty Senate and policies were approved. Faculty Senate President, Dr. Finnie Coleman will now need to present the policy changes to the Board of Regents. The Academic Student Affairs and Research Committee (ASAR) is meeting tomorrow. Dr. Coleman should request time on a future agenda.

Faculty Handbook policy, A88 was approved by the Faculty Senate Operations Committee, and the policy has been posted to the Faculty Handbook website. The Consensual Relationships Taskforce as met. Faculty Senate Ethics & Advisory Committee Chair, Dr. Stephen Bishop met with the taskforce on Monday. A policy draft is under consideration and will be produced. The taskforce is making progress but no updates yet regarding a final policy draft.

- 5. Research Data Policy.** Grace Faustino, Research IT Liaison, and Karl Benedict, Associate Professor presented a policy draft to the committee for discussion and input. A current policy regarding research data does not exist and there is a need to provide guidance to the university on the subject. Engaging with the Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee has been an important aspect of the policy content. A recommendation to send Faculty Handbook A53 policy link to Professor Benedict and Faustino was suggested to provide policy guidance on the construction of faculty policies. Also, engaging with the IT Use Committee Chair will be useful as well.
- 6. A61.2 “Faculty Senate Curricula Committee (FSCC)”.** There is a need to bring the committee charge in further alignment with the oversight process. There is a difference between common course numbering and general education programs. It is possible that Faculty Senate President, Dr. Finnie Coleman may consider reactivating the General Education taskforce for periodic review(s). Associate Provost, Dr. Pamela Cheek is also willing to work with the Faculty Senate Policy Committee and Faculty Senate. The goal is to identify a process that will be more congruent. Language will be adjusted to incorporate state statute and the set of curricula criteria. Policy recommendations provided by Dr. Christine Delucas; Faculty Senate Curricula Committee Chair will be incorporated. The committee will consult further with Dr. Cheek regarding statute language. A working meeting to address policy work for the curricula charge will be arranged within the next week. The meeting will include Faculty Senate Policy Committee leadership, Dr. Cheek and Dr. Delucas.

7. Adjourn