

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

March 8, 2017

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

- Members Present:** Martha Muller (Co-Chair), Kimberly Gauderman (Co-Chair), Barbara Hannan and Jamal Martin,
- Ex-Officio:** John Trotter, HSC Vice Chancellor Emeritus, Kimberly Bell, Deputy University Counsel, University Counsel Office, Kenedi Hubbard, University Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Leslie Morrison, HSC Vice Chancellor
- Members Absent:** Melinda Tinkle, Leslie Oakes and Marsha Baum
- Ex-Officio Absent:** Carol Parker, Senior Associate Provost, Office of the Provost & EVP for Academic Affairs
- 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 extended meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) Policy Committee was called to order at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in Scholes Hall, Room 101 by Co-Chairs, Kimberly Gauderman and Martha Muller.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved
3. **Updates.** C20 went to Faculty Senate Operations for approval. University Secretary Kenedi Hubbard will follow-up on the status. The D170: Student Attendance Task Force has been approved and a Doodle poll will be sent out to schedule the first meeting. E90: Human Beings as Subjects in Research will launch for faculty review and comment within the next week.

4. **D90: Posthumous Degree** research was conducted to consider revising this policy. In the peer review research, other institutions have a degree in memoriam. Other research revealed that some institutions have 3 types of related criteria:

1. Posthumous;
2. In memoriam;
3. Extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances include terminally ill students and rare and unusual situations.

One Committee member indicated that for Posthumous degrees awarded in their department, the faculty always work with Graduate Studies directly and do not go through the Faculty Senate for approval. It was further clarified that the decision was determined that as a department they can grant degrees and determine when. Further discussion took place around whether a department has the autonomy to grant posthumous degrees or if the Faculty Senate has purview. Regents policy 1.1: Responsibilities of the Board of Regents was brought up as duties and functions of the Board entail the approval of all degrees awarded by the University.

5. **E40: Research Misconduct.** The “General Principles” language was struck. A concern on page three was brought forward. It was conveyed that a Committee member needs to look at that section from the perspective of federal regulation. Research Integrity Applicability was moved to the definitions section. Research records are now clearly defined. In the E40 subgroup securing research records when appropriate was discussed a great deal. It was mentioned to replace practical with practicable.

Action- A motion to approved these changes passed unanimously.

6. **D175: Student Conduct and Grievance Procedures.** The Committee decided to add C200: Holidays and the Office of Equal Opportunity claims procedure to the related documents section. It was clarified that the discretionary review process is different than the appeal process. It was suggested to insert a statement at the beginning of this policy to refer people to the section where HSC is referenced. Currently this policy has six existing sections before HSC is mentioned.

Action- Add sentence “For all matters concerning the HSC see section 6.3.2.”. Vice Chancellor Morrison will work on HSC language and send relevant changes to the Faculty Senate Policy Committee Co-Chairs.

Adjourn: 5:00pm