

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

September 6, 2017

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

Members Present: Martha Muller (Co-Chair), Kimberly Gauderman (Co-Chair), Melinda Tinkle, Leslie Oakes, and Barbara Hannan

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

Members Absent: Jamal Martin and Marsha Baum

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, September 6, 2017 in Scholes Hall, Room 101 by Co-Chairs, Kimberly Gauderman and Martha Muller.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved
3. **Updates. D175: Undergraduate Student Conduct and Grievance Policy.** Faculty Handbook policy D175 was addressed at the long meeting on June 7, 2017. Some of the language was reworked during that meeting and the Faculty Senate Policy Committee approved all changes. One member of the committee emphasized that the Faculty Handbook is the only active policy manual on campus that spells out/contains student grievance procedures, protections for students and student rights and responsibilities. It was further noted that the Department of Justice report was consulted during the D175 round of revisions.

Action- Motion to accept all changes to D175 passed unanimously.

Action- Motion to move D175 forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee to be released for review and comment passed unanimously.

On a related manner, the Constitutional Task Force was approved to study the relationship between the Pathfinder and the Faculty Handbook and to create an advisory document.

A61.22: Policy Committee. A61.22 was addressed at the long meeting on June 7, 2017.

F10: Role and Function of UNM Branch Community Colleges. The Faculty Senate Policy Committee looked at his policy at the long June 7, 2017 long-meeting. They approved of the changes made by the Section F Task Force. This policy will now move forward to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee.

- 4. C20: Employment of UNM Graduates.** During the faculty review and comment period, this policy received a lot of feedback. One Faculty Senate Policy Committee member made a comment that this policy seems to be romanticizing the “old system” and raised the question about the importance of local aspirations. Another member pointed out that this policy has lost its importance as is ignored across all campuses. An alternative to deleting this policy would be to retain this policy but modify in a way that broadens the language and tweaks the policy rationale. In addition, insert language about “shortage of individuals”. One member recommended that this policy go through all the steps for a full faculty campus vote. Another member pointed out that it is better to re-work the wording.

Action- A motion to accept changes to C20 and to send out to all faculty for a vote passed unanimously.

- 5. D176: Graduate Student Conduct and Grievance Policy.** D176 is currently in the process of being updated based on the June 7, 2017 Faculty Senate Policy Committee meeting. It will be put in alignment with D175 and sent out to the Faculty Senate Policy Committee via email. It will be brought back at the October 4, 2017 meeting.

- 6. A61.6: Information Technology Use Committee.**

Action- A motion to approve all revisions as submitted by the IT Use Committee passed unanimously.

- 7. D90: Posthumous Degrees.** There was lengthy discussion on whether to produce a definition for terminally ill in this policy. One member recommended inserting “as determined by a qualified physician/medical provider rather than providing a definition.

Action- Motion to accept recommendation and to move policy forward to Operations to be released for review and comment passed unanimously.

8. **E110: Conflict of Interest.** This policy will need to be placed in the new format. There is a state law that is very conservative which conflicts with the potential revision being requested by Vice Chancellor Richard Larson. The Office of University Counsel has provided an interpretation of the state law that was sent to the Faculty Senate Policy Committee in May 2017.

Action-A response memo to Vice Chancellor Larson will be drafted and reference University Counsel's email.

9. **Discussion of Clinician Educator policies.** Vice Chancellor John Trotter explained the Clinician Educator Leave policy for the HSC is incredibly important and asked whether it should be contained or referenced in the Faculty Handbook. All Schools and Colleges associated with the HSC have a Clinician Educator Leave policy except for the College of Pharmacy. Vice Chancellor John Trotter and Faculty Senate Policy Committee member Dr. Melinda Tinkle will consult with the College of Pharmacy to urge them to draft their own Clinician Educator Leave policy and will bring this topic back for further discussion.

Adjourn: 5:00pm