

Faculty Senate Policy Committee
Meeting Notes
February 7, 2025
10am – 11am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Ezra Depperman, Eve Espey, Michele Head, Subramanian Iyer, Karen Patterson, Svetlana Poroseva

Members Absent: Meggan Gould

Ex-Officio Present: Nancy Middlebrook, University Secretary; Barbara Rodriguez, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Akshay Sood, Interim HSC Vice President for Faculty Affairs

Ex-Officio Absent: Brandon Toensing, Office of University Counsel

Staff Present: Candace Lounsbury, Operations Specialist, Office of University Secretary; Carol Stephens, Professional Consultant, Office of University Secretary; Vivian Valencia, University Secretary Emerita, Office of University Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Chair Eve Espey. Quorum was met.

1. Approvals

Agenda approved as written. November and January meeting notes were approved as written.

2. Updates

E50 “Export Control”

This policy is currently in a working group. The group has met twice so far, with the possibility of having material to bring to the group in March.

C140 “Extra Compensation Paid by the University”

The Operations Committee is voting at their next meeting to place this policy on the February Faculty Senate meeting agenda.

A61.2 “Curricula Committee”

This policy is currently out for comment. Due to the timeframe of the comment period, comments will not be available to the committee until the April meeting.

C215 “Paid Parental Leave”

While this policy is currently tabled until after the New Mexico Legislative Session that ends in March, Dr. Sood gave an update on the potential budget implications for when discussions on this policy resume, including having fringe benefits cover the cost of postdoctoral fellows taking parental leave. Preliminary discussions highlight concerns over distribution of fringe benefit money to various departments, however conversations over how this benefit will be funded are ongoing with administration.

3. Discussion/Action Items

A62.5 "Campus Development Advisory Committee"

CDAC chair Steve Bishop confirmed that the Policy Committee's recommended changes were accepted by CDAC. A new draft will be prepared showing those revisions. The policy was voted to move forward for approval to go out for campus comment.

D75 "Classroom Conduct"

After several campus comments expressed concern over mandatory reporting, new language was proposed that removed the mandatory reporting wording and replaced it with guidelines pointing to federal requirements. The amended policy was approved to move forward for Faculty Senate approval.

E110 "Conflict of Interest in Research"

The Committee preliminarily discussed whether to address this policy as a whole or to create a working group. Carol Stephens said she would prepare a summary page of the policy so the committee can read through it and make their decision at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.