

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes

February 4, 2026

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members Present: Eve Espey, Michele Head, Subramanian Iyer, Megan Murphy, Karen Patterson, Svetlana Poroseva, and Caitlin Wells

Members Absent: Ezra Depperman and Grace Murphy

Ex-Officio Members Present: Nancy Middlebrook, University Secretary

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Rebecca Sanchez, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Personnel; and Akshay Sood, Interim Director of HSC Faculty Affairs, and Brandon Toensing, Office of University Counsel

Staff Present: Jackie Freitas, Operations Specialist, Office of the University Secretary, and Carol Stephens, Professional Consultant, Office of the University Secretary

Meeting called to order at 11:48 am by Chair Eve Espey. Quorum was met.

1. Approvals

The agenda was approved as written.

The meeting notes from January 14, 2026, were amended for two grammatical errors and approved with two members abstaining.

2. Information/Policy updates

The Faculty Senate voted on and approved the **E50/Export Control Policy** on January 27, 2026, and a letter requesting approval was sent to President Stokes. The UNM President approved **E50/Export Control Policy** on February 2, 2026.

The **E130/Foreign Talent Recruitment Policy** is out for campus comment. The new *ONLINE Comment* feature is now being utilized, one comment for the **E130 Policy** has been received and posted as there is the option (once reviewed for propriety) to post for public viewing. A question was raised whether faculty and staff would be notified about the online comment option and it was answered, that this information was put in the email when **E130 Policy** went out for comment.

Regarding the **C130 Policy**, Dr. Sood agreed to head a working group to create a revised draft and the first meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026.

A request was made to keep updates on *Parental Leave* as a running agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda

A66/Policy Committee Policy discussion regarding a question on terms of office and vote clarifications were made. A motion to accept the charge as is, was seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Action/Discussion Items

E10/Classified Research Policy was discussed with background on necessary revisions stemming from the FSPC January 14, 2026, meeting and issues/concerns by Deb Kuidis, UNM Facilities Security Manager and Tito Busani, Chair of the Research Policy Committee. The current **E10 Policy** draft incorporates the changes the committee decided on at the meeting and the additional changes that Tito and Deb felt were necessary to comply with the law. A complete review of all revisions was conducted and additional grammatical, stylistic, and terminology changes were further revised. Additional discussion on developing technology that will assist in defining terms and creation of a global glossary was explained to the committee.

A motion was made to send **E10/Classified Research Policy** out for campus comment, seconded, and approved with one abstention.

A91/Creation, Review, Reorganization of UNM Research Center and Institutes.

The Research Policy Committee (RPC) forwarded policy which was edited to conform with current policy format. Concern raised about not having a standard for HSC to further outline procedures. HSC does not categorize their centers the same way as Main Campus and needs to have separate standards. It was agreed that the committee would work with the RPC to encourage HSC to develop a similar standards document to supplement the policy.

Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to continue the **A91 Policy** discussion and review the standard at the next meeting.

A53.2 “College, School, and Department Faculty Policies” (proposed new policy). Due to time constraints, the committee did not discuss and will be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.