

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Meeting Notes
March 12, 2026

4 pm – 5:15 pm
Via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Subramanian Iyer and Grace Murphy

Ex-Officio Members Present: Akshay Sood, Interim Director of HSC Faculty Affairs; Nancy Middlebrook, University Secretary; Rebecca Sanchez, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Personnel; Vivian Valencia, University Secretary Emerita

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

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

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Vice Chair Karen Patterson. Quorum was met.

1. Approvals

The agenda was approved as written.

The meeting notes from February 4th were approved as written.

2. Information/Policy updates

Nancy Middlebrook provided update status on E50/ Export Control and E10/ Classified Research policies. E50 is now live in the Faculty Handbook and E10 comment period ends March 13, 2026.

Karen Patterson and Eve Espey provided background information on Consent agenda policies; C170, C190, and C305.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to remove Policies C170, C190, and C305 from Consent agenda and discuss separately – Approved unanimously.

4. Action/Discussion Items

Discussion of **C170 Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships** – amended item under **Procedures** to change from “*for internal appointments, each*” to “*For UNM faculty*”. Motion made and seconded to approve as amended to go out for faculty comment. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of **C190 Letter of Academic Title** – approved as written to go out for faculty comment. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of **C305 Emeriti Faculty** – amended wording under **Procedures 3**. From “*academic software*” to “*UNM standard software*”. Motion made and seconded to approve as amended to go out for faculty comment. Unanimously approved.

Due to time constraints the remaining agenda items will be added to the April FSPC agenda

A53 Development and Approval Policies, policy revision

E130 Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs Policy, new policy

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

Other Business

Rebecca Sanchez informed committee that the Postdoctoral Parental Leave benefit has passed through phase 1 and information has been placed on the Office of Academic Personnel website, [Postdoctoral Fellows :: Office for Academic Personnel | The University of New Mexico](#).

Parental Leave:

- 40 contract days (8 consecutive weeks) per year for the adoption or the birth of a child.
 - A PDF must have at least a 50% appointment to be eligible for parental leave benefits.
 - The PDF parent is eligible for parental leave.
 - The PDF is required to provide advance notice to their supervisor. The [PDF parental leave form](#) must be completed and submitted for approval to OAP.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.