

## **A65.2** ~~A61.15~~ **Research Allocations Committee**

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Research Allocations Committee

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of the University Secretary

**Legend:** **Red text** is from the Special Rules approved by Faculty Senate in 2015, the original 2012 proposal, and minor editorial changes from the Policy and Operations Committees. Black text reflects information in Policy A61.15 "Research Allocations Committee" in the *Faculty Handbook* with deleted information shown as ~~struck-out black text~~.

Revisions to the Policy Rationale, Policy Statement, and Applicability sections of this document must be approved by the full Faculty Senate.

### **POLICY RATIONALE**

The Research Allocations Committee (RAC) is one of four (4) committees that comprise the Faculty Senate Research and Creative Works Council, which is charged with oversight of the research and creative endeavors of the University of New Mexico (UNM) both funded and unfunded creative works. The primary mission of the RAC funding is to support the career development of faculty (research and creative works) who are in various stages of career development, but priority will be given to faculty who are: 1) in the early stage of their careers, 2) embarking upon new directions, or 3) in fields and disciplines where there is limited funding.

The RAC supervises and allocates the Faculty Research Fund. This policy document provides policies and the procedures for grant application, approval, acceptance, and administration. It also defines the structure and composition of RAC.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

RAC receives requests from faculty members for grants-in-aid, determines faculty eligibility for grants from the fund and the amount of such grants, and appraises the merits of proposed research projects as well as the productivity of the applicants.

RAC shall communicate and meet with the Vice President for Research or his/her designated representatives. The Committee shall formally meet periodically during fall and spring semesters to discuss the availability and allocation of funds.

#### **Committee Membership**

Twelve (12) members appointed by the Faculty Senate; of these twelve (12), at least one (1) shall be selected from each of the following seven (7) areas:

1. Physical Sciences--chemistry, earth and planetary, mathematics and statistics, physics and astronomy.
2. Life Sciences--biology, psychology.
3. Social Sciences--anthropology, "business and administrative sciences", economics, geography, history, law, political science, sociology.
4. Engineering--all departments of the School of Engineering.
5. Education--all departments of the College of Education and Human Sciences.
6. Humanities--architecture, English, journalism, foreign languages and literatures, Spanish and Portuguese, philosophy, communication.
7. Fine Arts--all departments of the College of Fine Arts.

The term of office for faculty members ~~service~~ shall be two (2) years, set up on a staggered basis so that the terms of approximately one-half (1/2) of members will expire each year. Committee members may be elected to a second two-year term. At least one (1) year must pass before a Committee member who has served two (2) consecutive ~~two-year~~ terms is again eligible to serve. At the last meeting each year, the Committee shall elect a chair from the eligible membership. The Chair shall remain active through the summer session. The Chair or a designated representative shall convene the initial meeting of the new committee.

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## APPLICABILITY

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All UNM faculty, including the Health Sciences Center and Branch Community Colleges.

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## DEFINITIONS

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No specific definitions are required for the Policy Statement.

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the Faculty Senate Policy and Operations Committee in consultation with the responsible Faculty Senate Committee listed in Policy Heading.
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## WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

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- Academic chairs, directors, and deans
- Non-academic managers and directors
- Vice presidents and other executives

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

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*Faculty Handbook:*

**Policy A51** "Faculty Constitution"

**Policy A53** "Development and Approval of Faculty Policies"

**Policy A60** "Faculty Senate Bylaws"

**Policy A65** "Research and Creative Works Council"

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## CONTACTS

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Direct any questions about this policy to the UNM Office of the University Secretary.

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## PROCEDURES

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The Research Allocations Committee (RAC) will schedule regular meetings. The Committee Chair will report Committee recommendations through the Research and Creative Works Council for consideration by the Faculty Senate.

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## HISTORY

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### DRAFT HISTORY

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October 11 2019 – Draft updated to include recommendation for 3-year terms.

March 14, 2019—Draft updated for minor editorial changes.

January 30, 2018—Draft updated recent updates since 5/5/17 per Faculty Senate website.

May 15, 2017 –Minor revisions to and renumbering of the policy to address changes to Policy A60 “Faculty Senate Bylaws” resulting from reorganization of the Faculty Senate.