

## **A64: ~~61.23~~ Faculty Senate Health Sciences Center Council**

**(Renumbered from A61.23 and placed in new policy format)**

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Health Sciences Center Council

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of University Secretary

**Legend** Proposed Additions are highlighted in red and proposed deletions are in ~~strikeout~~.

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

### **POLICY RATIONALE**

The Faculty Senate Health Sciences Center (HSC) Council is charged with oversight of faculty issues that are unique to the HSC.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of the HSC Council is ~~to serve as an advisory board to the Faculty Senate,~~ to enhance the role and visibility of the HSC faculty in shared governance, particularly as it relates to the HSC, ~~and to represent~~ and to deliberate and act on behalf of the UNM Faculty Senate in all matters relating to faculty governance and shared governance of the HSC, consistent with the UNM Faculty Constitution, *Faculty Handbook*, Faculty Senate Bylaws, and with the policies of the Board of Regents and UNM. In matters pertaining to faculty governance and shared governance of UNM as a whole, the HSC Council shall represent the faculty of the UNM HSC the Faculty Senate, the EVPHSC and/or Leadership, and upon request the HSC Committee of the Board of Regents.

The HSC Council shall have the right or duty to consider and advise the Faculty Senate, the EVPHSC and/or Leadership, and upon request the HSC Committee of the Board of Regents on behalf of HSC faculty over ~~on~~:

- a) Institutional aims and strategic plans of the HSC.
- b) Organizational structure and creation of new departments and divisions.
- c) Major curricular changes and other matters that, in the opinion of the EVP ~~Chancellor~~ for Health Sciences or of the faculty, including HSC Faculty via its Council members, affect the HSC as a whole.

d) Matters of general concern or welfare for HSC faculty.

The foregoing purposes do not supplant the rights and responsibilities of faculty within their respective academic units. ~~nor replace the authority of the Faculty Senate.~~ Rather, the HSC Council shall serve as a forum and voice for the HSC faculty as a whole in representing the interests of HSC faculty to the ~~Board of Directors~~ HSC Committee of the Board of Regents and Office of the EVP ~~Chancellor for Health Sciences~~ as well as to the UNM Faculty Senate.

Voting members of the HSC Council shall be: ~~membership shall consist of~~

a) All duly elected faculty senators ~~of the Faculty Senate~~ representing the academic units of the HSC. ~~campus.~~

b) Two at-large members elected by the faculty of each of the academic units of the HSC (School of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Population Health) who need not be members of the UNM Faculty Senate.

Non-voting ex officio members of the HSC Council shall be:

a) The EVP ~~Chancellor for the Health Sciences Center~~

b) The Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

c) The Provost or Associate Provost of UNM

d) The President of the UNM Faculty Senate

~~Membership may be increased by a quorum vote of the Council to include non-senators.~~

The terms of office for faculty members shall be for three (3) years, set up on a staggered basis so that the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of members will expire each year.

The HSC Council structure, duties, meeting schedule, and committees are defined in the HSC Council Bylaws.

~~A chair shall be elected every two (2) years. Midway through the term of the chair, a chair elect shall be elected to serve for one (1) year as chair elect, prior to taking office as chair. The retiring chair shall serve as past chair for at least the first year of the term of newly elected chair.~~

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## APPLICABILITY

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

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the Faculty Senate Policy Committee, and Operations Committee.
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## DEFINITIONS

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There are no specific definitions required by this Policy.

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## WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

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- All UNM faculty.
- Academic administrators and staff.
- Administrative staff responsible for policy development.

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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”

[HSC Council Bylaws](#)

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## CONTACTS

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

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## PROCEDURES

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[The Health Sciences Center Council will schedule regular meetings. The Council Chair will meet regularly with the Operations Committee, but no less than once each semester.](#)

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## DRAFT HISTORY

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[March 9, 2020 – Draft updated to reflect applicable language from the HSC Council Bylaws.](#)

October 11, 2019 – Draft updated to include recommendation for 3-year terms, add ex-official members, & minor edits

February 12, 2018—Draft revised to reflect Policy Committee 2/7/18 recommendations.

May 7, 2017 –Draft to reflect changes to Policy A60 “Faculty Senate Bylaws” and place in new format.

March 2014 –Special Rules Revised by the Faculty Senate

March 2013—Interim Restructure Document Approved by the Faculty Senate

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## HISTORY

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