

A65.1 ~~A61.14~~: Library Committee

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Library Committee

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of the 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 Library Committee 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.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Library Committee meets regularly to address issues and make recommendations related to the UNM libraries' policies, budgets, and other issues in so far as they impact the teaching, research, and service responsibilities of the faculty, and the studies of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The role of the Committee is also to facilitate communication among libraries and between libraries and faculties of UNM. The issues that the Committee will address may be generated by the Committee itself or may be brought to the Committee by any faculty, student, or library staff member. Recommendations by the Committee will be made to the Faculty Senate through the Research and Creative Works Council and, when appropriate, to the relevant deans, library directors and vice-presidents/vice-chancellors. Advice and consultation on library issues will be sought from the library faculty and staff. The Chair of the Library Committee shall make an annual report through the Research and Creative Works Council to the Faculty Senate reviewing its major activities, including a list of recommended actions. A copy of this report will be sent, for informational purposes, to the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice President for the Health Sciences, the Dean of the Law School, the Dean of UNM Libraries, the Director of the Health Sciences Center Library, and the directors of the various branch community colleges ~~campuses~~.

Membership: One (1) member from each of the following groupings:

Anderson Schools, Economics, and Public Administration
Education and Human Sciences
Engineering

Fine Arts and Architecture
University Libraries
Nursing and Pharmacy
UNM branch community colleges campuses
Law School

Two (2) members from each of the following groupings:

Humanities (English, Foreign Languages & Literatures, History, Linguistics, Philosophy,
Spanish and Portuguese)
Natural Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics,
Physics and Astronomy, Psychology)
School of Medicine
Social Sciences (American Studies, Anthropology, Communication and Journalism, Geography,
Political Science, Sociology, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Community and Regional
Planning.)
Undergraduate students (to be appointed by the Associated Students of UNM (ASUNM))
Graduate and professional students (to be appointed by the Graduate and Professional Student
Association (GPSA))

Ex-officio: Dean of the University Libraries, Director of the Health Sciences Center Library, and
Director of the Law Library

The terms of each office shall be for three (3) years set up on a staggered basis. The chair is
elected by the Committee. The terms of office of students will be determined by the ASUNM
and the GPSA.

APPLICABILITY

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

DEFINITIONS

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.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

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

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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”

CONTACTS

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

PROCEDURES

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

HISTORY

DRAFT HISTORY

March 9, 2020 – Minor edits

March 12, 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. Also replaced copy of portion of Regents Policy 1.6 with a link to Regents Policy 1.6.