
University Policy Committee Meeting

December 10, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.

Browning Conference Room



Minutes

Attendees: Mitch Robinson, Dannelle Whiteside, Ronald Bailey, Rod Mills, Andrew Luna, and Hannah Allen (minutes)

Absent: Rex Gandy, Eric Norman (sent votes in absentia), Lorneth Peters, and Sydney Hawkins

1. Approval of minutes from the November 12, 2019, meeting

Bailey motioned to approve the University policy minutes from the November 12 meeting; Whiteside seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes.

Old Business – Second Reading

2. Survey Administration Policy

Whiteside motioned to approve the policy for first reading and to be moved to second reading. Bailey seconded the motion. Whiteside motioned to table the policy until the next meeting. Bailey seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Dr. Norman left a comment regarding adding “series, program, and focus group” to the policy. The committee discussed this addition and which section it would be placed, agreeing that it would be better to have more discussion with Dr. Norman. Dr. Luna discussed minimal specifications in the policy and why the term “focus group” would be limiting in regard to faculty research. The committee decided to table the policy for further deliberation.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved to table the policy for second reading.

3. 3:007 Animals on Campus

Whiteside motioned to approve the policy for first reading and to be moved to second reading. Bailey seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mitch discussed a public comment received for this policy that suggests adding instructions for faculty in the event that they believe an animal is being misrepresented. The committee agreed these details would not be added to the policy to keep in line with state legislature. Mills asked if the policy applies to faculty and staff. Whiteside recommended keeping the policy as a student policy.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be moved to the President for her approval.

4. 7:001 Publications and Promotional Materials

Whiteside motioned to approve the policy for first reading and to be moved to second reading. Mills seconded the motion.

Discussion:

This policy has been updated to be in line with SACSCOC, and the policy statement has been updated to be consistent with other policy statements. A discussion followed on the links in the policy and the affirmative action link as part of the nondiscrimination statement. The committee then discussed minor editorial changes to the policy.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be moved to the President for her approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 P.M.