
University Policy Committee Meeting

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

Browning Conference Room



Minutes

Attendees: Mitch Robinson, Rex Gandy, Ronald Bailey, Eric Norman, Lorneth Peters, Rod Mills, Bill Persinger, Doug Catellier, and Hannah Allen (minutes)

Absent: Dannelle Whiteside and Sydney Hawkins (SGA)

1. Approval of minutes from the July 9, 2019, meeting

Gandy motioned to approve the University policy minutes from the August 13 meeting; Norman seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes.

Old Business – Second Reading

2. Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) 7:011

Bailey motioned to approve the policy for second reading and to be sent to the president for her approval. Norman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Robinson discussed two public comments on how weather balloons and rocket launches fall under this policy as UASs. Persinger stated that the policy allows the use of indoor and pilot-restricted aircraft only upon approval from Public Safety, and that it would be wise to clarify the difference between UAS and unguided balloons/rockets. Gandy suggested adding in parentheses that the policy does not cover high-altitude balloons and rockets. Bailey discussed adding rocket compliance and other UAS specifics. Upon Catellier's suggestion the committee agreed to change the wording to "remotely piloted."

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be sent to the president for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.