

Faculty Senate Research Committee
Report to Faculty Senate
11/07/13

HOP 1.34: Visiting Scholars and Researchers*

This is a new policy and came to FSRC as part of the pre-stakeholder review process. FSRC felt that the policy was (a) too narrowly focused on international visiting scholars; (b) too overbearing for the institution and for visiting scholars; (c) contained guidelines that may not belong in a policy (“welcome the visitor to UTSA”); (d) contained duplications of existing processes; (e) required a routing process that would be onerous and time consuming and was generally not necessary.

The committee recommended the following: (a) the autonomy of the application process (and recommendation of the visit) belongs at the department level; (b) allow for guidelines to be housed in a separate document so that UTSA faculty and department chairs have guidance and so that the policy is significantly shortened; (c) reduce the amount of information required in the application/ screening form; (d) remove the fees associated with the application process; (e) that visitor show “adequate progress on scholarly activities as indicated in the approved application” at the completion of visit; (f) streamline responsibilities for oversight of regulations in which visitors must comply.

The committee was invited to mark-up the document; document was presented to Julius Gribou and Michelle Stevenson in late October. Changes were appreciated by Gribou and Stevenson.

Committee believes the policy can move forward in its revision process and Faculty Senate does not need to see it again until stakeholder review.

10.02 Misconduct in Research

- Faculty Senate and VPR’s office agreed to revisit this policy
- Joint committee work (FS research and HOP committees)
- Rebekah met with the VPR and Mickey Stevenson for a preliminary conversation
- Bob and Misty met with respective committees for input into potential revisions
- Bob and Misty met with VPR and Mickey Stevenson
- Productive conversations re: revisions
- Ongoing revision – pre-stakeholder

* Documents uploaded to Rowdy Space