

**Meeting of the Villanova University
Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee**

Tuesday, October 31, 3:30-4:30, Mendel 103

Minutes

Present: Aronté Bennett, Sohail Chaudhry, Alice Dailey (Chair), Mirela Damian, Angela DiBenedetto, Rory Kramer, Quinetta Roberson, Jennifer Ross, Catherine Warrick, Craig Wheeland (ex officio), Mark Wilson, Rosalind Wynne

Not in Attendance: Diane Ellis (NIA), Ruth Gordon (sabbatical), James Peyton-Jones (sabbatical)

The meeting was called to order at 3:30. Craig Wheeland proposed changes to the following policies, which were discussed by the committee.

1. Personal Relationships Policy (replaces policy #63): The updated policy would extend the prohibition against faculty having sexual or romantic relationships with students to include all undergraduates at Villanova, among other changes. The committee agreed with the policy in principle but requested several changes to the wording of the policy before we would consider it for a vote.
2. Insert Consulting Policy (policy #21): These changes extend current rules that govern faculty research and use of facilities to include work done under the auspices of consulting. The committee agreed with the policy in principle but requested clarification on several points before we would consider it for a vote.
3. Insert for Events and Speakers Policy (policy #36): The updated policy codifies current Villanova practice for events and speakers, which makes the inviting entity responsible for any additional security costs incurred by hosting controversial figures. The committee requested that the policy be more explicit about what such additional costs might include before we would consider it for a vote.
4. Proposed Deletion of Audit Privileges at Other Institutions Policy: The committee voted to delete an outdated policy that allowed employees of area institutions to audit courses at Villanova and vice versa. Neither the institutions named in the policy nor Villanova wish to participate in such an arrangement at this time.
5. Change to Chair Selection Policy: The committee rejected proposed changes to the recently revised Chair Selection Policy, changes that would dictate the content of departmental interviews with Chair candidates.

Dr. Wheeland agreed to circulate changes to items 1-3 via email to the chair. (These changes were subsequently disseminated to the committee, and the committee approved all three final versions of the policies via email. These votes were communicated to Dr. Wheeland via email on November 27, 2017.)

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.