

Staff Senate

Consensual Relations Policy Review Committee

The full committee met on Friday, February 14, 2020.

After each of the two subcommittee's presented a summary of their committee's work, discussions began with the goal of beginning the framework for the report and proposed policy that will be presented to the Provost, with the goal of submitting this report and proposed policy by April 15th. The committee decided to break down the various populations this policy needs to include and to approach each population separately. The committee began with discussions and straw voting regarding faculty-student consensual sexual relations. The straw votes revealed that the committee unanimously supported banning consensual sexual relations between faculty and undergraduate students (regardless of supervisory relationship) as well as banning consensual sexual relations between undergraduate students and any person serving in a supervisory role toward that student (e.g., graduate/professional students who have supervisory responsibilities in a classroom, laboratory, or clinic). The committee's straw vote also revealed support for a ban on consensual sexual relations between faculty and graduate/professional student (regardless of supervisory relationship) and support for no ban on consensual sexual relations between graduate/professional students and undergraduate students.

The University of Iowa policy was held up as a model, and the committee co-chairs will schedule a phone meeting with the University of Iowa to gather more details and information regarding their policy.

The full Consensual Sexual Relations Policy Review committee is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, March 18th.

Respectfully submitted on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 by

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