UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XXI-M14
motion to amend SRRR/adjudication of MISA violations

1. Motion presenter: Dante Scala, chair of the Senate Agenda Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/1/2017, 5/8/2017

3. Rationale: The Faculty Senate revised the University’s Misconduct in Scholarly Activity (MISA) policy in January 2017 with specific acknowledgement that undergraduates could be subject to MISA if the misconduct was related to their work on federally-funded research. To provide additional clarity and avoid any possible confusion that the student conduct process (rather than the MISA process) would be the primary mechanism to adjudicate allegations of misconduct in connection with federally-funded research, we would amend SRRR as follows. SRRR already notes the precedence of academic misconduct policies over Code of Conduct, and the Faculty Senate has already approved the MISA process that explicitly notes jurisdiction over any misconduct involving federally-funded research (even if undergrads are involved).

4. Motion: The Agenda Committee moves that the Faculty Senate requests the Dean of Students to make the following addition to SRRR:

“The procedures and standards of the University’s Misconduct in Scholarly Activity (MISA) Policy will take precedence over the Code of Conduct and the 09.7 “Procedures for Dealing with Academic Misconduct,” for purposes of determining whether misconduct was perpetrated in connection with federally-funded research that falls within the purview of the MISA Policy. If a MISA proceeding concludes that a student violated the MISA Policy, the student will be referred for disciplinary action under SRRR Academic Misconduct protocols.”

5. Senate action: Motion passed with 61 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, and 2 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: D. Scala

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