

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XVIII-M13
on proposed changes to the UNH SRRR Policy Statement

1. Motion presenter: Joe Onosko, Student Affairs Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/5/14

3. Rationale: In October of 2013, Julie Simpson, Director of Research Integrity Services, and the UNH Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity (RCR) Committee requested that the SRRR document be revised (a) to make it more consistent with MISA regarding the definition of academic misconduct, specifically adding language about “honest error” and (b) to limit the purview of Julie Simpson’s Research Integrity Services Office and the MISA policy document to graduate student thesis and research work.

4. Motion: The Student Affairs Committee moves the following two changes (in italics and blue) to the “Academic Honesty” section of the SRRR (<http://www.unh.edu/vpsas/handbook/academic-honesty>):

a) Under the opening section, “09 Academic Honesty”:

“This policy establishes the expectations of the University of New Hampshire for academic honesty and defines situations that constitute academic misconduct related to undergraduate and graduate coursework and undergraduate thesis and research projects.”

b) Under section “09.7 Procedures for Dealing with Academic Misconduct”:

“The instructor will notify the student of the alleged infraction and what course of action and penalty the instructor believes is appropriate. Situations of honest error are to be considered in this process. The student must be allowed an opportunity to rebut the allegation.”

Note that due to the proposed change in “a” above, only graduate student thesis and research work will be under the purview of the UNH Misconduct in Scholarly Activities policy, also known as MISA (<http://www.usnh.edu/olpm/UNH/II.Acad/C.htm>). This includes graduate thesis and research work associated with enrollment in a course.

Regarding “b” above, the proposed change does not exclude “situations of honest error,” rather they are to be “considered in the process” of determining possible violations of academic honesty. (Note that in the MISA document honest error is excluded from misconduct: “3.3. Misconduct in scholarly activity does not include honest error or differences in interpretations or judgments with respect to scholarly issues that are inherent in the scientific and creative process.”)

5. Senate Action: The motion passed by majority vote with 1 vote opposed and 3 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: John G. Kirkpatrick

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