

UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XIV-M1

on Human Subjects and Animal Use Policies

1. Motion presenter: Ed Hinson
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/19/09
3. Rationale:

The UNH Policy on Misconduct in Scholarly Activity (MISA) was revised and approved last spring. However, because the MISA policy was referred to, in the UNH policies on Use of Human Subjects in Research and Care and Use of Animals, changes in those references in the latter two policies should be made. Specifically, because the MISA definition no longer includes "other serious deviation from accepted practices", violations of the human subjects or animals policies are no longer under the purview of the MISA policy for investigation and sanctions. Because UNH has federally-approved Assurances for Human Subjects and Animals, investigation of violations and sanctions in these areas are covered under those assurances. Therefore the reference to MISA in the human and animal policies should be removed. In addition, a reference to the UNH Financial Conflict of Interest policy should also be removed. The human and animal policies refer to but do not name the institution official responsible for establishing and enforcing the policy, and the official in this case is the vice provost for research.

4. Motion:

**The Faculty Senate recommends that the designated changes be implemented by the UNH administration. Thus, item 8 of the Policy on the Use of Human Subjects in Research would be: "Enforcement. The Institutional Official is responsible for establishing and enforcing this policy. Violations of this policy fall under the purview of the Assurance." Item 7.1 of the Policy on Care and Use of Animals would be: "Enforcement. The Institutional Official is responsible for establishing and enforcing this policy. Violations of this policy fall under the purview of the Assurance."**

5. Senate action: passed unanimously.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on Oct. 27, 2009

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on Oct. 27, 2009

Forwarded to: Senior Vice Provost for Research Jan Nisbet, on Oct. 27, 2009