Chair’s Report

None.

System-Wide Committee on Academic Freedom Report – P. Fox, Chair

Chair Fox provided the following updates to members of the committee:

- The systemwide Committee on Academic Freedom is continuing planning of an Academic Freedom symposium. The Chairs of each of the campus committees on Academic Freedom will be invited along with other interested faculty. The symposium will serve to highlight important academic freedom issues and it is anticipated that it will serve to raise the current level of awareness of academic freedom. A date for the symposium will be set pending identification of funding for the event.
- The system-wide committee will continue to remain apprised of information regarding the effects of recent national security issues on the academic freedom of faculty and students.

Tobacco Industry Funding of Research at UCSF

A Special Town Hall Meeting on Tobacco Industry Funding of Research was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 from 1:00-3:00 pm in Toland Hall. The purpose of the Town Hall meeting was to provide members of the campus community with an opportunity to fully discuss all issues related to the acceptance of tobacco industry funding and its impact on the academic freedom of investigators.

It is anticipated that the Academic Senate Office will release a ballot with questions posed to all UCSF faculty to ascertain the position of UCSF faculty relative to whether a UCSF Policy Not to Accept Tobacco Industry Funding should be adopted in late November, 2002. The Faculty Councils of the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Dentistry, the Committees on Academic Freedom and Research and Senate Chair Daniel Bikle will work to finalize the content of this ballot prior to its distribution. The results of the ballot will be formally communicated to UCSF Chancellor J. Michael Bishop and Executive Vice Chancellor for Research Regis Kelly by the Academic Senate. Academic
Freedom Committee members discussed the proposed ballot at length and will recommend to Senate Chair Daniel Bikle that only one question be included on the ballot:

"Should we, the faculty, at UCSF refuse to accept any funding from the tobacco industry, and the foundations it supports, an agreement that would be binding for all UCSF faculty?"

Further discussion of the ballot will take place at the next meeting of the Committee.

**Review of Matter Related to Potential Academic Freedom Infringement**

In a closed session of the Committee it considered a matter raised by a member of the UCSF faculty concerning potential academic freedom infringement.

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