The meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2004 in Room S118. A quorum was present.

University Committee on Academic Freedom

No report.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2004 were approved unanimously and with no changes.

Research Restrictions at UCSF

At it’s meeting of October 19, 2004, the Committee reviewed a policy adopted by the UCSF Department of Medicine in August, 2004 which states:

The UCSF Department of Medicine will not apply for or administer grants or other contracts funded by the tobacco industry. Further, the Department will not apply for or participate in research programs of organizations who derive funding from the tobacco industry.

The Committee continued discussion of this policy and reviewed a draft letter to Department of Medicine Chair Lee Goldman expressing concern regarding the potential impact on academic freedom of the policy. Committee members made minor editorial changes to the letter and requested that Chair Eisner add language to the letter directing Chair Goldman to the report of the University Committee on Research Policy recently approved by the Academic Council:

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/reports/acresolutionrsrchstrings0704.pdf. This policy recommends that no department or unit within the University be permitted to adopt policies restricting research funding from individual funding sources and, if approved by the Regents of the University of California, would preclude the adoption of the Department of Medicine policy restricting funding sources.
Chair Eisner agreed to edit the draft communication to Chair Goldman to reflect the Committee’s suggestions and will forward it to committee members for final approval.

[The Committee, as part of a larger Senate effort, considered the wider issues related to whether or not UCSF should adopt a policy to reject funding form the tobacco industry in 2003-2004. Details of their debate and actions are available by clicking here].

**Discussion of Proposed Symposium**

The Committee briefly discussed ongoing planning for a symposium on “Science, Government and Academic Freedom in a Polarized Political Environment”.

Committee members clarified that the symposium will consist of four fifteen minutes presentations by individual speakers on different topics and a thirty minute roundtable discussion and question and answer session.

By way of background to some of the issues to be discussed at the symposium, Vice-Chair Gansky distributed documents produced by the Union of Concerned Scientists on issues regarding “Restoring Scientific Integrity on Federal Policy Making” (attached).

**Raising Awareness of Academic Freedom**

Committee members discussed the possibility of establishing a panel of advisors to work with the Committee. Members envision that these advisors would field calls from individual faculty with concerns or questions regarding academic freedom; forwarding specific issues to the committee as a whole when these issues fall under the committee’s purview as defined by its bylaws. The committee will continue discussion of the panel of advisors once committee members and Senate staff have compiled a list of former committee members who may be willing to serve on such a panel and drafted an outline of the likely functions and operation of the panel.

**New Business**

- Stuart Gansky informed Committee members that he will present an overview of the current status of planning of the symposium at the Academic Senate Division meeting to be held on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at noon.

- Howard Pollick requested that the Committee consider the role of academic freedom in an individual faculty member’s grading of student assignments. He expressed the concern that faculty may be required to grade assignments in such a way as to achieve higher pass rates for a course when these assignments may in fact be deserving of a lower grade. Senate staff will provide the Committee with information regarding existing policies which may exist to regulate the grading of student assignments prior to the December meeting of the Committee.

**Old Business**

None.
The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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