The January 18, 2007 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:15 in Room S-118

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2006 were sent to each member by e-mail for approval.

Chair’s Report – Stuart Gansky

Coordinating Committee

Chair Gansky discussed the Parnassus Heights Campus Security Work Group Recommendations that were presented at the December 12, 2006 Coordinating Committee meeting. The Work Group made recommendations for change in the following categories:

- Accountability and Education
- Protection Service Improvements
- Service Integration Opportunities


Elizabeth Boyd and Victor Reus, are members of the Task Force Reviewing the Recommending Comment to the Systemwide Report on Institutional Review Boards (IRB).

UCAF cited a growing number of reports of IRB interference with faculty research and suggested that the situation called for the establishment of systemwide standards for Institution Review Boards. The findings of the Task Force on IRB’s were voted on and passed unanimously at the December 12, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting. (Attachment 1)
University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) Report – Miriam Kuppermann

UCAF Representative Miriam Kuppermann submitted a communication to John Oakley, Chair of the Academic Council, requesting assistance in contacting campus administrators for information about misconduct in research policies and practices.

Two years ago the National Institutes of Health (NIH) gave UC Davis 30 days to change their Integrity in Research policies on campus with a threat that NIH would pull their grants if not implemented. UC Davis implemented policy that upset campus faculty and spent 1.5 years trying to change policy. UCAF requests that the Academic Senate assist in obtained the status of the NIH request for information from the campus Research Integrity Officers. (Attachment 1)

It was suggested that, in item #6 to change the word “guilty” to “met the burden of proof”.

ACTION: Request feedback from Committee to determine if this issue should go forward.

New Business
None

Old Business

Symposium in Politicization of Science

Due to the illness of Professor Paul Berg, Nobel Laureate at Stanford University, who has agreed to speak at the Symposium on the Politicization of Science, the Symposium has been postponed until 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
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X – Attended
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