COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM
Stuart Gansky, DrPH, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, February 22, 2007
9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Room S-30

Present: S. Gansky, Chair, C. Anthony Hunt, Miriam Kuppermann, Descartes Li, J. Lightwood, Victor Reus

Absent: Elizabeth Boyd, Mary White, Maurice Zwass

The February 22, 2007 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:10 in Room S-30

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on January 18, 2007 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Stuart Gansky

Grant Overspending
The issue of faculty who overspend their funds and the ramifications and responsibilities of the faculty and University were discussed. At the February 13, 2007 Academic Senate Coordinating Committee, UCSF Division Chair Greenspan stated that a task force would be convened to review the University’s policies and procedures.

ACTION: A Communication will be submitted to Chair Greenspan.

Symposium in Politicization of Science
Paul Berg is still slated to speak at the 2007 symposium.

ACTION: Secure the room and date of the symposium.


Chair Gansky is a member of the task force charged with reviewing and commenting on the Draft Proposal on the relationships between pharmaceutical vendors and UCSF clinicians. In the wake of an article in JAMA, January 25, 2006, (Health Industry Practices that Create Conflict of Interest – A Policy Proposal
for Academic Medical Centers), UC medical schools are reviewing (or developing) their policies with respect to pharmaceutical vendor relationships in order to remove bias by employees and real or perceived conflict of interest. The Task Force will meet on February 22, 2007 to discuss the first of two stages of the proposal. The Committee has asked that the deadline be extended for additional review without giving the impression that UCSF is dragging its feet.

**ACTION:** Suggest to the Task Force that e-mail be sent to all members of the Academic Senate to alert them of the Task Force’s charge.

**University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) Report – Miriam Kuppermann**

**NO REPORT.**

**New Business**
None

**Old Business**
None

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.*

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