COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM
Stuart Gansky, DrPH, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, April 19, 2007
9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Room S-118

Present: S. Gansky, Chair, Elizabeth Boyd, C. Anthony Hunt, Miriam Kuppermann, Descartes Li, J. Lightwood, Victor Reus, Mary White, Maurice Zwass

The April 19, 2007 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:10 in Room S-118

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2007 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Stuart Gansky

Chair Gansky introduced the 2007-2008 Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Freedom Committee. Miriam Kuppermann will transition to Chair at the end of the 2007 Senate year. Elizabeth Boyd will assume the role of Vice Chair.

The Task Force to Review and Recommend Divisional Response to the Proposed Guidelines Regarding Vendor Relations reviewed the first set of issues in their charge. A letter of recommendations has been drafted. The Task Force will continue meeting to discuss additional issues.

Symposium in Politicization of Science
Paul Berg has indicated that he is prepared to give his discussion entitled “Brilliant Minds, Dark Politics, Uncertain Law”. Plans are underway to have the symposium in late May or early June.

Extramural Fund Overruns
Chair Gansky presented the outcome of the Coordinating Committee’s discussion on the topic of the oversight of extramural grants and cost overruns. Chair Gansky proposed forming a Task Force of relevant Senate committees to review the situation on campus and to make recommendations as to what happens when one does overspend on a grant, what the ramifications should be, and how to remedy the situation.

The committee was asked by Academic Senate Vice Chair Gardner to prepare three or four questions regarding this issue that need to be address or answered to the June 12, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting. At that time, the Coordinating Committee can review these questions and determine a course of actions, including the focus of any Senate investigation and the appropriate Committees to be involved.
New Business
None

Old Business
None

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

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