The September 12, 2006 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:20 in Room S-30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on September 12, 2006 were approved.

Chair’s Report – Stuart Gansky

Chair Gansky reported that the request for a change in meeting date and time was necessary to accommodate Committee members who have conflicts in the current meeting schedule. The meetings will be moved from Tuesday to Thursday. The time will remain 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

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

UCAF Representative Miriam Kuppermann submitted a report that the UCAF will hold its first meeting of the 2006-2007 sessions in November, 2006.

New Business

Stanford University’s Policy on Interaction between the University and Pharmaceutical/Biotech Industries

Stanford University has adopted a policy that would limit faculty and staff participation in meetings and conferences that are fully or partially sponsored by the industry as well as gifts and compensation from the industry.

The complete policy can be found at http://med.stanford.edu/coi/siip/documents/siip_policy_aug06.pdf.

Elizabeth Boyd and Victor Reus will serve as representatives from CAF to the task force created to review the systemwide report on institutional review boards. Members have requested that a representative from the IRB attend a CAF meeting as a guest to discuss the functions of the IRB.

Reimbursement by Faculty of Grant Cost Overruns

The committee discussed the recourse of faculty overspending of contracts or grants awarded principal investigators. *Contracts and Grants policy 300-19, III. A.4* states that in the case of cost overrun, the PI is responsible for the transfer of such overrun out of the project, and policy *300-19, III .B.4* states that if an overdraft is not cleared by the PI in a timely manner, the accounting office has the authority to transfer the over-expenditures to other funds. The committee asked the following questions: Who is actually responsible for the funds? Does it lie completely with the PI? Is the Department liable? If not, can the Department assist in payment? Is it at the discretion of the Department Chair and if so, is it fair and equitable? Is there an appeals process? The committee will research possible regulations and policies to determine the proper legal course that can be taken.

**ACTION:** Research and review policy that addresses the issue of UCSF responsibility and authority as it relates to principal investigator over-expenditures.

Old Business

**UCSF – Strategic Planning, Phase III – Strategy Development.**

Committee members received a copy of the Communication from Chair Gansky to Academic Senate Chair Greenspan in response the request that the committee to review the goals and team themes presented by consultants working with UCSF Strategic Planning Board Co-Chairs, EVC and Provost Gene Washington and Professor Elizabeth Blackburn and presented to the Committee on Faculty Welfare.

**ACTION:** Completed

**UCSF – Scholarly Communications**

During the 2005-2006 sessions, the Executive Committee of the UC Academic Senate established a Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) to respond to the challenges facing scholarly communications and proposed policy on scholarly work copyrights. In February, 2006, all committees of the San Francisco Division were asked to review and provide comments and recommendations related to the committee’s draft report (White Papers). A copy of the committee’s communication to Chair Greenspan was presented to the members.

**ACTION:** Completed
Symposium in Politicization of Science

Paul Berg, Nobel Laureate at Stanford University, has agreed to speak at the Symposium on the Politicization of Science that has been tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2006. A speaking invitation has gone out to Zachary Hall, former Vice-Chancellor at UCSF and current president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Hal Luft, Director of the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the UCSF, has agreed to be the moderator. Another possible speaker suggested would be Pat Fox, M.S.W., PhD, Professor of Sociology and Co-Director, Institute for Health & Aging. Victor Reus suggested that we have a sponsored lecture rather than a debate.

The talk should be telecast to Mission Bay. The question of funding through the Academic Senate was raised.

ACTION: Chair Gansky to follow up on invitations to Zach Hall and Pat Fox. Analyst is to submit request for funding for telecast to Mission Bay.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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