COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM
Miriam Kuppermann, PhD, MPH, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, February 14, 2008
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
LHts Room 335

Present: M. Kuppermann, Chair, Elizabeth Boyd, C. Anthony Hunt, Descartes Li,

Excused: Arthur Miller, Roberta Rehm, Mary White, Maurice Zwass

Guest: Kathy Lee, Committee on Committees

The February, 2008 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:28 in Room LHts 335. A quorum was not present.

Minutes from the January 17, 2007 meeting will be approved via e-mail.

Chair’s Report – Miriam Kuppermann

Chair Kuppermann reported that the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom Five-Year Report will be submitted to Chair Gardner in June, 2008.

Committee on Committees – Kathy Lee

Kathy Lee introduced herself and explained the charges of the Committee on Committees.

Faculty Grant Cost Overrun Task Force – Elizabeth Boyd

The task force was convened and charged to investigate campus and departmental policies related to faculty overspending of contracts or of grants awarded to principal investigators. The report summarized the findings from the investigation of this task force.

The Task Force recommended the following:

1. The establishment of clear, written campus-wide policies detailing process and management of grant cost overruns;
2. The establishment of clear, written campus-wide policies on types of disciplinary actions to which faculty may be subject and steps for faculty who dispute such actions;
3. All policies must emphasize the shared nature of the responsibility and recognize that Departments who do not provide timely information to investigators cannot hold investigators solely responsible for overruns.

4. The appointment of a special task force or committee to draft and circulate these policies. This committee should include representatives from all academic series (including the Adjunct and Clinical series) and should include both senior and junior faculty members.

**New Business**
None

**Old Business**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.*

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X – Attended
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