The May 22, 2008 meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom convened at 9:28 in Room LHts 335. A quorum was present.

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

Chair’s Report – Miriam Kuppermann

Chair Kuppermann reported that the communication regarding Faculty Grant Cost Overruns was submitted to UCSF Academic Senate Chair David Gardner. It was then discussed with Chancellor Michael Bishop. Both Chair Gardner and Chancellor Bishop felt that the Senate should avoid the appearance of writing policy for the schools.

The issue of grant overruns was brought to the attention of the Committee on Academic Freedom via two anecdotal accounts of 1) the PI who was told the overrun must be paid from person funds, and 2) a researcher was given the option of leaving the university at which time the debt would be covered by the (department, school, etc.).

A concern is the misuse of the Department Chair’s authority which may create unequal treatment of faculty.

ACTION: The committee will review current policies and write a policy that will include the following statement: there would be no threat to academic positions or personal funds.

UCAF – Pat Fox

Pat Fox, UCAF Representative, reviewed the issues covered in the 2007-08 Academic Senate year. These issues were:

• System-wide Review of the University-wide Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) Proposed Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles
The issue of scholarly as it pertains to student academic freedom was reviewed and it was determined that student’s do not have academic freedom. It is by way of faculty academic freedom that student academic freedom is assured.

- UC Education Abroad travel restrictions
  Students protested the regulation that stated students could not study in countries that are on the watch list. UCAF’s concern was that the list is based on political reasons.
- Collegiality.
  Denying merit raises or promotions on the basis of personality is vastly different from denying these to a person who does not participate in department life or acts as an obstructionist.

**New Business**
None

**Old Business**
None

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

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X – Attended
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