

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM
MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022

PRESENT: I. Zhang, Chair & UCAF Rep.; W. Ren; P. Chung, Ex Officio, Chair of P&T

ABSENT: M. King

***Ex Officio from Faculty Welfare has not yet been appointed*

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM.

The Committee discussed the modality for meetings to be held in AY 22-23. The Committee voted to support meeting remotely for the remainder of the year but will consider meeting in person if members find it is necessary.

The minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

The Committee voted to adopt a conflict of interest statement for the AY 22-23. The finalized statement will be submitted to the Senate Chair.

Members reviewed the Committee's bylaws.

The Chair and UCR representative to the University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) provided an update from the September 23, 2022 UCAF meeting. The Chair summarized the review items discussed by UCAF and shared the System-wide committee's feedback to the review of the draft presidential policy for abusive conduct in the workplace. The Committee reviewed the draft response to the proposed policy based on their feedback and voted to support submitting the response to the Division Chair. The Chair summarized UCAF's review of proposed changes to APM 025 and asked members to send their feedback so that it can be shared with UCAF as they finalize a response to the review item. Lastly, the Chair shared that UCAF reviewed potential Academic Freedom issues that will likely need to be addressed this year.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the annual message that is sent to UCR faculty documenting the existence and functions of the Committee. The message will be finalized and sent by email to all UCR faculty.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Approved: April 3, 2023

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