

# BCC Committee on Academic Freedom

## Minutes of October 26, 2017

2:30pm, Loew Hall 200

Chair: Farnaz Kaighobadi

Secretary: John Ziegler

**Present:** Roni Ben-Nun, Philip Bredu, Irene R. Delgado, Dapo Ibrahim, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Sharmila Mukherjee, John Ziegler

**Not Present:** Erica Arcelay, Emakoji Ayikoye, Mary Martinez, Seth Offenbach

**Total Membership: 11 (quorum=6)**

- **Agenda**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Introductions
3. Housekeeping, Mission, and Operation
4. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
5. Meeting Schedule and Calendar
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

- **Actions**

1. Meeting was called to order.
2. Committee members introduced themselves.
3. The minutes of April 25, 2017 were approved unanimously (7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions). R. Ben-Nun reviewed how quorum functions and discussions from the previous semester about the committee potentially functioning as a standby committee once its purpose and practices are firmly established. Also reviewed was the decision reached in the previous semester to create a document expanding on and codifying the functioning of the committee beyond the statement provided in the BCC Governance Plan. To this end, committee members had received in an email links to various academic freedom resources from other institutions and organizations.
4. R. Ben-Nun described the roles of the committee's elected officers and the requirement for elections to be held annually. S. Mukherjee nominated J. Ziegler and F. Kaighobadi for the position of Chair. J. Ziegler declined the nomination. F. Kaighobadi accepted and was elected unanimously (7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions). J. Ziegler self-nominated for the position of Secretary and was elected unanimously (7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions). D. Ibrahim nominated P. Bredu for the position of Vice Chair, to which he was elected unanimously (7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions).
5. The next meeting of the committee will take place on November 30, 2017, at 2:30pm in Loew Hall 200. It was decided to continue to hold meetings on Thursday afternoons through the end of the semester, after which committee members will be surveyed as to availability.

6. The Chair will contact the student committee members who were not present. She will also send all committee members an email request to identify key ideas from the emailed academic freedom resources to be developed for the committee's own document. A timeline and instructions will be included.
7. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ziegler