

BCC Committee on Academic Freedom

Minutes of February 3, 2022

Time & Location: 2-3pm, Zoom

Chair: Farnaz Kaighobadi

Vice Chair: Kenneth Flowers

Secretary: John Ziegler

Present: Irene Delgado, Kenneth Flowers, Farnaz Kaighobadi, Shelley Liu, Charles Maliti, Devin Molina, Seth Offenbach, John Ziegler

Not Present: Hashim Abdul

Total Membership: 11 (quorum=6)

AGENDA

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Approval of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of 11/4/21
- 4) Recruiting student representatives
- 5) Reviewing the updated CoAF manual/statement and distribution to the campus community
- 6) Next meeting schedule and calendar
- 7) New Business
- 8) Adjournment

ACTIONS

- 1) Meeting called to order 2:10pm
- 2) Agenda was approved unanimously.
- 3) The minutes of 11/4/21 were approved unanimously.
- 4) Hashim Abdul of the SGA will be joining the committee. Two student seats are open. K. Flowers discussed performing outreach as SGA members to new students, perhaps facilitated by an identifying badge, for example. S. Offenbach suggested asking department chairs to ask faculty to make students aware of the possibilities of participating in governance.
- 5) F. Kaighobadi reported that she had a broadcast sent to increase visibility at the beginning of the semester. One student asked for more information and was sent the unrevised manual. F. Kaighobadi

summarized the revisions to the CoAF manual, which were mostly editorial. One substantive suggestion was to add a statement on social media. Some drafting was done, but F. Kaighobadi pointed out that the statement on extramural utterance, quoted from the AAUP, already in the manual could serve this purpose. S. Liu agreed that this statement serves the purpose. C. Maliti and D. Molina agreed. F. Kaighobadi reported that BMCC has revised its manual to include examples, which this committee had discussed doing. F. Kaighobadi has received permission to borrow from BMCC's examples so long as they are cited. She shared the BMCC examples and proposed that committee members evaluate the BMCC document and send feedback on what to include, exclude, or change before the next meeting.

- 6) The next meeting will be April 7 at 2pm on Zoom, unless any complaints arise before then that require the committee to convene.
- 7) No new business.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ziegler