

2015-2016 Year-End Committee Report Form

Committee:

Chair:

Chair-Elect for 2016-2017:

Number of Meeting held:

(Please include phone/zip/email if available)

Items of Business Completed 2015/2016

1.

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Unfinished Business Items from 2015/2016

1.

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New Business Items for 2016/2017

1.

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3.

Please return to the Office of the Academic Senate (ADM 176/0024) by May 31, 2016.

Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility

Minutes 9/3/15

Sweeney 449; 2:30-4pm

Present: Blackmer, Butler, Cara, Laker (Recorder), Okamoto

Absent: Ng (Sabbatical)

Welcome & Introductions

- Members introduced themselves
- Nominations for 2015-16 BAFPR Chair resulted in unanimous election of Laker to serve

Old Business

- A. Referral by Senator Kenneth Peters to review S99-9 "Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility" and possibly replace in view of changes since its inception.
 1. BAFPR will conduct this work during 2015-16 in consultation with appropriate stakeholders and submit revisions/replacements to Senate for consideration.
 2. Liz Cara worked on a flowchart depicting BAFPR processes and will email to the group.
 3. Senator Peters (Chair, Senate Professional Standards Policy Committee) will attend the next meeting of BAFPR to brief members on history and direction for this task.

New Business

- A. Referral by Senator Kenneth Peter (Chair, Professional Standards) concerning a Professor's Faculty Website content being censored by administrators. The website content was restored prior to BAFPR's meeting, but the fundamental issue remains.

From Senator Peter's email message: *"On behalf of the Professional Standards Committee, I refer to your attention a case concerning the censorship of a faculty website. The case was brought to our attention by Professor [#1 redacted] of [department] but concerns the website of [#2-redacted] of the Department of [redacted]-- both of whom are copied on this message. I have briefly spoken with Professor [#1] but not to Professor [#2]. As [Professional Standards] discussed the information we had, it became clear that this case involves where to draw the boundary lines of academic freedom and is thus squarely within the purview of BAFPR.*

While BAFPR needs to handle this case as it would any other case involving a dispute over academic freedom, PS is interested in any policy implications. Does SJSU policy need to be created, strengthened, or changed to deal with academic freedom in an era of the electronic information like web pages? We would appreciate receiving your recommendations that may grow out of this or similar cases."

BAFPR discussed this referral and agreed to review the relevant policies and implications for further guidance as requested.

- B. Academic Freedom Event-BAFPR's mandate (S99-8) includes holding workshops and forums as necessary to educate the SJSU community about academic freedom and professional responsibility. A forum planned for 2014-15 was postponed. BAFPR will confer with Senate, CFA and Administration about organizing one for 2015-16.

- C. Vacancies (Colleges of Business, Social Science and Science). Senate Associate Vice-Chair Backer will issue a call for nominations for election to BAFPR.
- D. Meeting Times-1st Thursdays/month unless otherwise discussed.
- E. Next Meeting: (For October, the meeting will be held on October 8th, 1:30-3:00 pm, location tbd).
- F. Adjournment

BAFPR December 3, 2015
SH 332

In attendance: Jason, Nicole and Kathryn

Contacting other campus committees update? Work in progress for Kathryn and Nicole. Will report back at next meeting.

A. Academic Freedom Forum-BAFPR's mandate (S99-8) includes holding workshops and forums as necessary to educate the SJSU community about academic freedom and professional responsibility (March 2 or 3, 2016).

Theme? (Suggestion: *Speaking Truth To/About Power*)

We were speaking with Social Media. Missouri – trigger warnings. Wesleyan President critique. Broaden topic to make it more interesting to other departments not Social Science.

Hank Reichman AAUP at Hayward

Gary Rhodes did not get back to Jason

Susan Murray, Sociology SJSU

Student Speaker. Israel Divestment.

Stacy Glaixner – contact for speakers/themes in Engineering or maybe her.

Jason would contact the AS President LooLoo Amante

Need to select a date so that the Library can release a date. 11:45 – 1:15. March 2nd.

B. Vacancies (Colleges of Business and Science). Senate Associate Vice-Chair Backer will issue a call for nominations for election to BAFPR.

Jason suggests that we revise in our policy that makes up the committee to create At-large members but not more than 2 per college. Nicole suggests that perhaps after a certain date if no one comes forth that the position the position opens to everyone. Kathryn agrees – speak to Senators to outreach. Agree that no more than 2 per college. Jason will locate policy. Need to present to O&G. Business, Applied Science & Arts, and Sciences needed. Must be full professors. Buddy represents Humanities.

C. Academic Freedom Climate survey?

Using Qualtrics to create a survey for faculty on their sense of security and academic freedom. Would be a check in. Do they feel that they have the security. Gender/race/professor level. Will explore for Spring.

D. Current/prospective issues/cases – no referrals receive.

E. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4th, 2016 1:30-3pm (SH 332)

F. Adjournment 2:47 p.m.

Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility Minutes 2/11/16

Attendees: Jason Laker, Elizabeth Cara, Nicole Okamoto, Kathryn Reyes

- A. Current vacancies are Colleges of Business, H&A, Social Science, and Science. We will try to identify potentials and contact. NCO will ask Stacy Gleixner if she has any recommendations.
- B. We will move the Academic Freedom Forum to next fall – maybe after the President’s Forum at the start of the year. A topic of future discussion is if we want to provide new faculty with any information.
- C. We received a referral for a potential case. JL called the person referring the case to discuss, and she’s thinking about whether or not to pursue the matter.
- D. Bylaws and Senate Policies – EC will bring recommended changes and a flowchart to the next meeting.
- E. Next meeting: March 3 12:15-1:30, followed by April 14 at 12:00 and May 5 at 12:00.