

Academic Freedom Committee Meeting  
Carman 361  
11/2/06, 1 pm

Present: Melisa Bailey, Lik Chee Sim, Rosalind Carey, Nusrat Chowdhury, Esdras Tulier, Stefan Baumrin, Amanda Gulla, David Manier, Liesl Jones, Susan Polirstok, and Aisha-al-Muslim (student on the school newspaper)

1. Old business:

After meeting with the Lehman's Special Counsel to the President, Esdras Tulier, and (by speaker phone) with Stefan Baumrin, a member of the University Faculty Senate, the Academic Freedom Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to write a letter to Frederick Schaffer, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, recommending the following changes to the Procedures for Handling Student Complaints about Faculty Conduct in Academic Settings:

**Section V:**

We recommend that the committee include the provost, two faculty members, the dean of students, and two students. (Because for the sake of fairness, the appeals committee ought to represent administration, faculty, and students equally.)

We recommend that the Factfinder (i.e. the Department Chair where the complaint originated) be present for consultation as a non-voting member of the appeals committee.

**Section VII:**

We recommend that each campus be given the right to develop procedures to implement this policy in ways compatible with their unique structures and that the current description of how this policy is to be implemented does not provide for any flexibility.

In addition to voting on the need for the above changes to this proposed policy the committee also wishes to suggest that in case of students' false and fraudulent claims the policy include sanctions similar to those in the violence policy.

2. No new business.

3. No meeting scheduled.