

**Annual Report: Academic Year 2008-2009  
Davis Division: Academic Senate**

**Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility**

Total Meetings - 3	Meeting frequency	Average hours of committee work each week - .05
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Total Reviewed - 7 (courses, proposals, cases, etc.)	Total of reviewed deferred from the previous year - 0	Total deferred to the coming academic year - 1
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Listing of Bylaw changes proposed: None

Listing of committee policies established or revised: None

**Issues considered by the committee**

1) APM 028 (Disclosure of Financial Interest in Private Sponsors of Research)
2) Proposed Endowed Chair Policy
3) Furlough/Salary Cut Options
4) Online Administrative Information Module for Principal Investigators
5) Proposed Amendment to Senate By-laws 125, 128, & 130
6) Student Freedom of Speech footnote to APM 010
7) First Amendment and APM 010/15

Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year: 1

**Committee's narrative:**

The committee met three times during the 2008-2009 academic year; November 19, 2008, April 15, 2009, and June 9, 2009. The committee reviewed seven policy and three reports were submitted to the Chair of the Academic Senate regarding Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

- APM 028 Disclosure of Financial Interest in Private Sponsor of Research – Committee reviewed the proposed changes and did not see anything that suggests a problem related to academic freedom.
- Proposed Endowed Chair Policy – The chair asked for current holders of endowed chairs and professorship to comment if the proposed change would violate their academic freedom the committee had a 71% respondent to the question.

- Student Freedom of Speech APM 010 - Overall the committee supported the proposal but had two editorial suggestions that were sent to the Chair of Academic Senate.
- Furlough/Salary cut Options – the committee felt this was a systemwide issue and had no response.
- Online Administrative Information Module for Principal Investigators – the committee felt overall not a freedom violation.
- Proposed Amendment to Senate By-laws 125, 128, & 130 –committee was in favor of the change to the By-laws.
- First Amendment and APM 010/15 protections of faculty speech when participating in shared governance. Delivered letter to faculty warning of lack of protections under current policies. Plan to expand dialogue to change policies to enhance protections.

Gregory Pasternack, Chair

James Beaumont, Carlton Larson, Nelson Max & Joan Dean Rowe, members