



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Proposal to Revise APM 10 and 15 (Academic Freedom)

January 10, 2011

The UC Committee on Academic Freedom has proposed amendment of APM 10 and 15. The University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) proposed the changes (drafted by the Davis division) in response to recent court decisions that have narrowed the scope of academic freedom by threatening the freedom of faculty to express opinions on institutional policy, which could in turn limit the effectiveness of shared governance. Specifically, the courts held that opinions expressed on institutional policy are not protected by principles of academic freedom. Last spring, the Academic Council voted to send the proposed amendments for systemwide review.

Academic Freedom & Responsibility

January 6, 2011 2:16 PM

UCD CAFR initiated this revision and supports it.

Administrative Partners (DANN TRASK)

December 8, 2010 4:25 PM

Dear Professor Powell,

The L&S Executive Committee has discussed the proposed revisions to sections 10 and 15 of the UC Academic Personnel Manual. The committee members heartily agree that responding to the recent court decisions narrowing the scope of academic freedom is of vital importance not only to individual faculty, but to the effectiveness of shared governance. The Executive Committee endorsed the proposed APM amendments in their entirety and urges their adoption.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Boeshaar, Chair
Executive Committee
College of Letters and Science

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES)

January 11, 2011 9:43 AM

No response at this time.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (MANAGEMENT)

January 6, 2011 10:19 AM

I have consulted with the GSM executive committee, and we have no suggested changes or edit.

Planning & Budget

November 9, 2010 9:14 AM

The Committee on Planning and Budget has reviewed the subject proposal. The committee strongly supports the efforts of the University Committee on Academic Freedom in clarifying academic freedom to include participation in shared governance.