



UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

I. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 10-0-0.*

II. Chair's Report

Chair Barry O'Neill

The Chair explained that he had spent considerable time working with the Expressive Activities Taskforce. He highlighted some of the discussions and went over the composition and actions of the group.

Members had questions and there was discussion.

III. Improving Communication Between UCAF and Divisional CAFs

Chair Barry O'Neill

Chair O'Neill reminded members about the importance of their role as conduit between systemwide UCAF and the local CAFs. Individuals weighed in with their experience at the division level as UCAF representatives. There was discussion about how to better use the UCAF shared Box folder.

IV. Systemwide Information and Items Under Systemwide Review

A. Chair Palazoglu's Remarks to the Board of Regents

B. Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy - Systemwide Policies Applying to University of California Police Department (UCPD)

V. Consultation with UC Legal

Josh Meltzer, UC Legal

Attorney Advisor Meltzer answered questions about the role of UC Legal with respect to faculty, the position of UC Legal on the release of PII to the DOJ, and other academic-freedom-related issues.

VI. “Creating Opportunities” Report and Academic Freedom

Vice Chair Andrea Hasenstaub

The Vice Chair remarked that this topic had been discussed at the last meeting and that she had drafted a letter from UCAF addressing some concerns. The Chair expressed an interest in getting feedback on the letter from the committee, whereafter it would be sent out.

VII. Community After Action Reports at UCSD

Elham Izadi, UCSD

Professor Izadi explained a San Diego practice of after-incident reports that have been generated by the police and student affairs. She said that the stated purpose of the reports is to prevent problems. The reports do name people even though they are not supposed to. She said that faculty and students are uncomfortable with the practice and that it has generated some fear on campus.

Professors Izadi and Shearer will draft a letter on the issue. Some members suggested that the topic be addressed through one of the Senate’s items under review.

**VIII. Regents’ Policy 2301 and “Indoctrination”
Extramural Speech and the Expressive Activities Task Force**

Chair Barry O’Neill

The Chair discussed the Expressive Activities taskforce, which has been dealing heavily with academic freedom issues. FAQs are being developed regarding extramural expression, and the group will soon be working on Regents’ Policy 2301. Members had questions and there was discussion.

**IX. Topics to Carry Forward to 2026-27
UCAF’s Internal Modus Operandi**

Chair Barry O’Neill

Members expressed concern about the one-year term for committee membership, both at the systemwide and division level.

X. New Business

The Chair raised the issue of outdated policies related to PII. Professor Schipper has drafted a letter to Council that will be sent out to the group for review.

The Chair also mentioned that he would be meeting with the systemwide Senate chair regarding getting UCAF onto Council.

XI. Executive Session

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.