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**JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
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Re: Academic Freedom for non-Senate Academic Appointees

Dear Janet and Michael,

On behalf of the Academic Council, I am transmitting the following statement:

The Academic Council at its October 3rd meeting discussed issues of academic freedom as it applies to non-Academic Senate academic appointees. Upon consideration, the Council unanimously supports the formation of a working group/task force to develop clear university policies providing these appointees with appropriate protections for scholarship, research, and teaching conducted in the context of their appointments, along with attendant obligations and responsibilities. These policies should be akin to the protections and obligations applicable to Senate faculty under APM-010 (Academic Freedom) and APM-015 (Faculty Code of Conduct), although formulated independently. Moreover, the Council strongly feels that it is appropriate, given the issues, that there be substantial Academic Senate representation on the working group/task force.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Rob C May".

Robert C. May, Chair
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cc: Vice Provost Carlson
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Senate Directors