

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE & ACADEMIC FREEDOM (FWAF)**AGENDA****Friday, April 21, 2023****10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

- I. Consultation with Interim VC/CFO Schnier – **10:30 – 10:45**
A. Ongoing issues with campus financial systems

- II. Chair's Report – *David Jennings* **10:45 – 10:55**
A. Divisional Council meetings April 3 and April 17
B. UCAF meeting March 23
C. UCFW meeting April 14

- III. Consultation with VPAP Tom Hansford **10:55 – 11:10**
A. Topics TBD

- IV. Consent Calendar
A. Today's agenda
B. Draft March 17 meeting minutes

Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar

- V. Memo from Molecular & Cell Biology Department Space Committee – **11:10 – 11:20**
On April 5, the MCB department space committee submitted a memo (available here) to CoR and FWAF on Research Impediments from Increasing Costs, and Disparities in Costs, of Renovating Research Spaces on Campus.

Action: FWAF to discuss the memo.

- VI. COVID Mitigation Funds – *Chair Jennings* **11:20 – 11:30**
- CoR's proposal is available here.
 - VPAP Hansford's input on CoR's proposal is available here.
 - FWAF's revised draft Call for Proposals for COVID Mitigation is available here.

Background: EVC/Provost Camfield and Vice Provost for Academic Personnel (VPAP) Hansford invited a proposal from the Senate Committee on Research (CoR) on the allocation of potential COVID mitigation funds that would be awarded to the Senate. CoR submitted its proposal to the VPAP which was ultimately reviewed favorably by the EVC/Provost. The EVC/Provost informed CoR that he will award the Senate \$50,000 to allocate to the faculty to mitigate COVID impacts.

At the February 17 FWAF meeting, members discussed the potential costs of buying out a course and discussed whether faculty could use this funding for that purpose. On March 2, 2023, FWAF

Chair Jennings contacted the School Deans to inquire about the cost of buying out a course.

Action: Discuss FWAF Chair Jennings' information on course buyout and whether to add this to the draft call for proposals. Upon FWAF's approval, the draft Call will be submitted to CoR for review and approval. The final draft will be submitted to Divisional Council before being issued to Senate faculty.

VII. **Executive Session (voting members only, no minutes taken) – 11:30 – 12:00**

Recusal: Beth Scaffidi

A. Review of faculty professional development grant proposals.

Action: FWAF to review the applications and announce awardees by Tuesday, April 25.