

Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF)

Monday, September 12, 2016

9:30 – 11:00 am

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Documents available on UCM Box "[FWAF AY 16-17](#)"

- I. Introduction of New Members – *Chair Beaster-Jones*** **Pg. 1-11**
Roster of members, committee bylaws, and the AY 15-16 FWAF annual report is appended to this agenda.
- II. Committee Goals for AY 16-17 – *Chair Beaster-Jones***
- A. Extension of start-up funds. **Pg. 12-13**
In May 2016, last year's FWAF submitted a memo to the Senate Chair with a proposal for the handling of start-up funds.
Discussion: revise and resubmit the proposal?
- B. Sweeping of incidental funds.
- C. ECEC after-school programming – *Laura Hamilton*
In AY-15-16, FWAF discussed the possibility of the VPF's office issuing a survey to campus faculty, students, post docs, staff, and administrators regarding their usage of a potential after-school program at the ECEC.
Discussion: proceed with survey to gauge interest?
- III. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Resolution (10:30)** **Pg. 14-25**
Guest: Professor Robin DeLugan, SSHA
In spring 2016, the AAA membership discussed whether to endorse a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. With no consultation with faculty, UC President Napolitano submitted a letter to the AAA, signed by the 10 Chancellors, on behalf of the campuses, condoning this action. Faculty members in the AAA and across the 10 campuses view this as unwarranted interference into the democratic process of the AAA, as well as a violation of academic freedom. They also object to the President's and Chancellors' assumptions that their view represents that of the UC faculty.
- The formal response letter from UC Riverside faculty to Chancellor Wilcox is appended to this packet. Other UC faculty letters to their Chancellors are posted [here](#).
- Discussion:** UCM faculty response.

IV. Campus Safety (10:45)

Guest: Dr. Anne Zanzucchi, SSHA

[AB 1872](#) (Gray) would appropriate \$1,315,000.00 from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California, for allocation to UC Merced, for various public safety purposes. However, none of these purposes apply to classroom safety.

UCM still does not have a campuswide safety policy.

Discussion: campus safety measures after the November 4 incident.

V. Campus Review Item**Pg. 26-83**

Proposal for a Minor in Heritage Studies

Formerly a proposal for a minor in World Heritage, this proposal is being resubmitted for approval after addressing comments raised by Senate committees and the Provost/EVC in AY 15-16. Note: Last year's FWAF had no comments.

Action requested: FWAF to review the proposal for any implications for faculty welfare or academic freedom and send any comments to the Senate Chair by September 21.

VI. Consultation with Vice Provost for the Faculty

A. Professional Development Workshop Series AY 16-17 – *Kahil Morales*

B. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD). UCOP's partial subsidy of the subscription fees for UCM to belong to the NCFDD is due to expire this semester. Is there a sufficient level of faculty engagement in this program to justify the subscription cost moving forward?

VII. Other Business