



**COMMITTEE ON FREE EXPRESSION
ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS**

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**Wednesday, August 3, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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Patrick Kenney, ASU
Lisa Loo, ASU
Joanne Vogel, ASU
Amit Fudim, ASU

Kimberly Ott, NAU
Michelle Parker, NAU
Margot Saltonstall, NAU
Eric Yordy, NAU
Brendan Traschel, NAU

Toni Massaro, UArizona
David Schmitz, UArizona
Robert “Bob” Sommerfeld, UArizona
Kendal Washington White, UArizona
Patrick Robles, UArizona

**11:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

11:05 a.m. 1. Approval of Minutes

The board office asks the committee to review and approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021 Committee on Free Expression meeting.

11:10 a.m. 2. Review of Open Meeting Law

The board office will provide the committee with an overview of the Open Meeting Law.

11:20 a.m. 3. Review the Statutory Charge to the Committee on Free Expression to Submit an Annual Report

The board office asks the committee to review the statutory charge to the Committee on Free Expression to submit an annual report.

11:30 a.m. 4. Review of and Possible Action to Approve and Forward the Statutory Annual Report on Free Expression for FY 2022

The board office asks the committee to review, discuss and take possible action to approve the proposed statutory Report on Free Expression and forward the proposed statutory report to the Board or Regents for its approval.

12:00 p.m. ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE: This agenda may be amended at any time prior to 24 hours before the committee meeting. Estimated starting times for the agenda items are indicated; however, discussions may commence, or action may be taken, before or after the suggested times. Any item on the agenda may be considered at any time out of order at the discretion of the committee chair. The committee may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda. During the meeting, the committee may convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice regarding any item on the agenda.

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ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
Minutes of the Committee on Free Expression
August 5, 2021

The Arizona Board of Regents Committee on Free Expression held a virtual meeting on Monday, August 5, 2021.

Committee Members present (via video): John Arnold (Chair); from Arizona State University (via video): Derrick Anderson, José Cárdenas, Joanne Vogel, Giselle Retena; from Northern Arizona University (via video): Kimberly Ott, Michelle Parker, Margot Saltonstall, Eric Yordy, Maylee Acosta; from the University of Arizona (via video): Toni Massaro, David Schmitz, Robert “Bob” Sommerfeld, Kendal Washington White, Noah Daniel Vega.

Committee Member absent: Patrick Kenney, Arizona State University

Also present via video were: from the ABOR office: Jennifer Pollock, Samantha Blevins, Nancy Tribbensee, Sue Sosa, Suzanne Templin, Tom Merriam, Sarah Harper; from Arizona State University: Christine Wilkinson, Kim Demarchi; from Northern Arizona University: Christy Farley, Katy Yanez, Laurie Dickson; from the University of Arizona: Kody Kelleher, Art Lee; Closed Captioner: Amanda Rogues.

Chair John Arnold called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ITEM 1)

Upon motion by Chair Arnold, seconded by David Schmitz, the committee approved, with the correction, stating it was a student from the University of Arizona, not an employee, as requested by Bob Sommerfeld in Item 2, the public session minutes of the July 20, 2020 Committee on Free Expression meeting.

John Arnold, Derrick Anderson, José Cárdenas, Joanne Vogel, Giselle Retena,

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Item Name: Review of Open Meeting Law

☐ Action Item

Requested Action: The board office will provide the committee with an overview of the Open Meeting Law.

Discussion

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ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON FREE EXPRESSION ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 2022

THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND ARIZONA'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES PROMOTE AND PROTECT FREE EXPRESSION

The board and the universities protect and ensure intellectual freedom and free expression at our institutions. Students, staff and faculty members may discuss any topic, as guaranteed by the First Amendment, and within the limits of reasonable content and viewpoint neutral restrictions on time, place and manner of expression consistent with applicable law.

The Arizona Board of Regents has established a Committee on Free Expression, which submits this report as required by A.R.S. §1867. The membership of the Free Expression Committee is provided in Exhibit A.

The universities and the board have historically protected free expression. A comprehensive list of current board and university policies that protect and promote free speech is provided in Exhibit B. The ABOR Policy on Free Expression is included as Exhibit C.

THE BOARD AND THE UNIVERSITIES DO NOT CREATE BARRIERS TO OR DISRUPTIONS OF PROTECTED SPEECH

There were no barriers to or disruptions of lawful free expression within any of Arizona's public universities as described in A.R.S. §1867.

Instead, all three of Arizona's public universities maintain the highest light rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), recognizing

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