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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021 FREE SPEECH COMMITTEE MEETING

**SLIFE BALLROOM, COMMONS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

Free Speech Committee Members

Greta Rouse (Chair) David Barker (Vice Chair)
Abby Crow, Member
Aimee Claeys, Board Staff

Guests: Scott Peters (UNI), Regent Jim Lindenmayer, President Pro Tem Sherry Bates, Regent Nancy Boettger, Regent Nancy Dunkle and Regent Milt Dakovich

Chair Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of Free Speech Committee Minutes of September 15, 2021

Approved as presented.

Presentation on Academic Freedom

Chair Rouse recognized Professor Scott Peters. Professor Peters presented on Academic Freedom discussing the purpose, scope, limits and threats. Professor Peters discussed four components of academic freedom including: freedom in scholarly, freedom in teaching, freedom in intramural speech and freedom in extramural speech. Professor Peters also discussed several threats to academic freedom including: erosion of tenure, political & social pressure, pressure from donors, harassment, and demands for balance.

Free Speech Campus Training Update

Regent Rouse recognized Board Counsel Aimee Claeys. Counsel Claeys updated the committee that progress is being made on the training, in partnership with the Iowa Association of Community Colleges (IACCT). Counsel Claeys explained the content has been developed and reviewed, mock-ups have been created to be certain branding standards have been met for each institution and community colleges and the next step is to upload the training into each institutions LMS. The Regent institutions and IACCT will coordinate on communication and timing of release of the training with a live date expected in the spring 2022 semester.

Free Speech Survey Update

Counsel Claeys updated the committee on the free speech survey and shared that the survey is completed and ready to go live November 9, 2021. There will be an open window through December 1st with reminders sent out periodically to complete the survey. Once the window has closed Board Office and institutional staff will begin a process to analyze the data and build a report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.