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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING

**REIMAN BALLROOM, ALUMNI CENTER
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA**

Free Speech Committee Members

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

Guests: Todd Pettys (SUI), Regent Jim Lindenmayer, President Pro Tem Sherry Bates, Regent Nancy Boettger, Regent Nancy Dunkle and President Michael Richards

Chair Rouse called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Approval of Free Speech Committee Minutes of June 2, 2021

Approved as presented.

Presentation on Freedom of Expression at Public Universities

Chair Rouse recognized Professor Todd Pettys. Professor Pettys discussed several topics including: the difference between K-12 and colleges and universities Free Speech First Amendment rights, viewpoint discrimination, Board of Regents Freedom of Expression Policy, inclusive environments, climate, speech not protected by the First Amendment, speech rights of faculty and staff, job performing speech and academic freedom.

In response to questions, Professor Pettys commented on the Chicago Principles and how many public and private institutions have adopted them. He also explained the welcoming, inclusive environment at universities is about the messaging and living by example.

Free Speech Campus Training Update

Regent Rouse recognized Board Counsel Aimee Claeys. Counsel Claeys updated the committee on the progress of the Free Speech Campus Training Module. Counsel Claeys shared the Regent institutions and the Iowa Community Colleges interviewed and evaluated two outside vendors. SixRedMarbles was selected to assist with creating the training. The training is currently in the content developing stage with the expected completion date at the end of the fall 2021 semester.

Free Speech Survey Update

Regent Rouse recognized Chief Academic Officer, Rachel Boon. CAO Boon updated the committee on the Free Speech Survey and shared that institutional and board office staff worked together to determine a free standing survey is needed. Staff will begin drafting the survey and developing a strategy on when to administer it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.