

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
Minutes of the Committee on Free Expression  
August 3, 2022

The Arizona Board of Regents Committee on Free Expression held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

Committee Members present via video: John Arnold (Chair); from ASU: Anne Jones, Patrick Kenney, Lisa Loo, Amit Fudim; from NAU: Kimberly Ott, Michelle Parker, Margot Saltonstall, Eric Yordy; from UArizona: Toni Massaro, Robert “Bob” Sommerfeld, Kendal Washington White, and Patrick Robles (joined at 11:02 a.m.).

Committee Member(s) absent: from ASU: Joanne Vogel; from NAU: Brendan Trachsel; and from UArizona: David Schmitz.

Also present via video were: from the ABOR office: Jennifer Pollock, Samantha Blevins, Kevin Smith, Rachel Malefors, Suzanne Templin, and Tom Merriam; from Arizona State University: Kim Demarchi; from Northern Arizona University: Laurie Dickson; from the University of Arizona: Kody Kelleher.

Chair John Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

All lists, reports, summaries, background material and other documents referred to in the minutes can be found in the August 3, 2022, Document File and on the board’s website at <https://www.azregents.edu/board-committees/board>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Item 1)

Upon motion by Chair Arnold, seconded by Amit Fudim, the committee approved the public session minutes of the August 5, 2021 Committee on Free Expression meeting. John Arnold, Lisa Loo, Amit Fudim, Kimberly Ott, Michelle Parker, Margot Saltonstall, Eric Yordy, Toni Massaro, Robert “Bob” Sommerfeld, Kendal Washington White, Patrick Robles voted in favor. None opposed. Anne Jones and Patrick Kenney abstained. The motion carried.

**REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAW** (Item 2)

Samantha Blevins, ABOR Senior Associate General Counsel, provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law, she noted that the Committee on Free Expression is a statutorily required committee of the Arizona Board of Regents, which is a public body, therefore the committee is also a public body subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Ms. Blevins asked the committee if they had any questions, there were none.

**REVIEW THE STATUTORY CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREE EXPRESSION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT (Item 3)**

Samantha Blevins provided an overview of the A.R.S §15-1867 statutory charge.

**REVIEW OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND FORWARD THE STATUTORY ANNUAL REPORT ON FREE EXPRESSION FOR FY 2022 (Item 4)**

Ms. Blevins highlighted that there were no barriers to or disruptions of lawful free expression within any of Arizona's public universities and that all three of Arizona's public universities maintain the highest green light rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. She noted that before the report goes to the board there will be technical corrections to formatting, grammar, and styling. Changes will also include minor edits by Northern Arizona University (NAU) to their activity fees description and verbiage indicating NAU has rebranded its Resident's Life department to Campus Living and Resident Assistance to Community Assistance.

Chair Arnold thanked Ms. Blevins and staff from each of the universities, who contributed to the report.

Upon motion by Chair Arnold, seconded by Amit Fudim, the committee approved the proposed report, with changes as discussed in the meeting and authorized Samantha Blevins to make non-substantive changes in preparation for submission to the board for approval at its August 25, 2022, meeting. John Arnold, Anne Jones, Lisa Loo, Patrick Kenney, Amit Fudim, Kimberly Ott, Michelle Parker, Margot Saltonstall, Eric Yordy, Toni Massaro, Robert "Bob" Sommerfeld, Kendal Washington White, Patrick Robles voted in favor. None opposed and none abstained. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Rachel Malefors  
Committee Secretary