Freedom of Expression Committee
Minutes, 18 November 2008

Present: Mark Freeman, Jan Harris, Nancy Lopez, Rosa Moreno, R.D. Williams, Bonnie Zimmerman, Daniel Brown

Letter to VPs requesting policies: Mark reported that letter went out to the VPs on 11/12 requesting policies for review by the committee. Submissions to be discussed at next meeting.

Building and Grounds Policy Review: Discussion focused on following sections.

11.0 Bulletin Boards: Wording approved. Nancy and R.D. volunteered to be a subcommittee to identify a longer list of available boards that would comprise Appendix B. Subcommittee will also identify who is responsible for cleaning each board. Report of subcommittee to be distributed by e-mail before next meeting. Also, Nancy to investigate whether Physical Plant is remodeling boards in academic buildings to go from open to closed based on environmental concerns and report at next meeting.

12.0 Banners: Daniel and Rosa volunteered to be a subcommittee to identify 1-3 additional possible banner locations on campus that would be similar (physically and in traffic) to the walls outside the Administration Bldg. Report of subcommittee to be distributed by e-mail before next meeting. Daniel to investigate plans for posters, banners, electronic display boards in new student union and report to committee at next meeting. Group to continue discussion of whether the walls outside the Administration Bldg. should continue to be reserved for student organizations.

8.0 Sound Amplification: Nancy presented framework copy from campus meeting (VPs, AS, etc.). Committee endorsed concepts. Final wording to be presented at next committee meeting.

13.0 Chalking: Committee endorsed framework but questioned why OAT Walkway was designated as specified area. Nancy to investigate where recommendation came from and report back to the committee at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Committee agreed to meet again early in spring semester – date TBD. Agenda items to include policy submissions received from VPs and complaint forms. R.D. and Rosa to draft preliminary forms for commercial and noncommercial speech complaint referrals to committee.

Minutes recorded by R.D. Williams