

Academic Freedom Committee Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2020

The meeting opened at 4:00 pm. All members were present (conducted via ZOOM).

I. Final Report on Students recording the classroom (attached).

A. In summary, our Report notes that Accessibility issues require compliance with all student needs.

B. Professors can make their own class policies regarding student recordings of classrooms and BMCC should let all faculty know that they have this right.

II. AAUP

A. The AAUP has many articles and a book that investigates the relationships between universities and private corporations.

1. This is becoming increasingly relevant.

2. Faculty should be aware of these relationships and the recommendations from the AAUP..

III. Future Direction of Academic Freedom Committee

A. Based on discussion of AAUP concerns, and its recommendations to look at corporate entities on how those relationships work relating to teaching, budget, privacy, and academic freedom, the future Committee might want to examine some of these areas.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Professor Clock, 5/4/20.