

Memorandum To: Pat Hanna, Academic Senate President

From: Ray Gunn, 2010-2011 Chair, Academic Freedom and
Faculty Rights Committee

Subject: AFFR Committee Report, 2010-2011

Date: August 15, 2011

The Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights Committee met three times during the 2010-2011 academic year, twice in the fall and once in the spring. Committee deliberations centered on two issues: one allegation of a violation of academic freedom and a review of proposed changes in the language of university regulations governing Consolidated Hearing Committee and AFFR procedures.

Upon referral from the CHC, the AFFR Committee considered the case of an untenured faculty member who alleged that his/her denial of retention had constituted a violation of said faculty member's academic freedom and faculty rights. After careful consideration of the complaint, the Committee reported back to the Consolidated Hearing Committee that the evidence supported the conclusion that the individual's academic freedom and rights as a faculty member had indeed been violated.

The Committee also reviewed proposed changes to Policy 6-002, Section 10, "Consolidated Hearing Committee for Faculty Disputes (CHC). After discussions with the Associate Vice-President for Faculty and University Counsel, the Committee recommended approval of the changes, which were subsequently presented to the Academic Senate and approved by that body.