

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2024

Minutes

Intellectual Pluralism and Freedom of Expression – Paul Maguffee, Deputy General Counsel, UM

Deputy General Counsel Maguffee discussed the roles, responsibilities and authority of faculty in the context of intellectual pluralism and freedom of expression, as outlined in Collected Rules and Regulations (CRR) 310.010 ([Academic Freedom and Economic Security of Academic Staff](#)). Maguffee also discussed the rights of students as outlined in CRR 200.010 ([Standard of Conduct](#)) and 200.015 ([Academic Inquiry, Course Discussion and Privacy](#)), and the rights and obligations that faculty have as citizens as outlined in CRR 330.110 ([Standards of Faculty Conduct](#)).

Information Technology Updates – Benjamin Canlas, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, UM

Vice President Canlas provided updates on the software procurement process. A 90-day pilot was conducted to change the way click-through agreements are handled; preliminary data suggest a 1-2 day turnaround versus 7 days or more. He and his team are also working to identify a contracting model that would eliminate some manual reviews and automate some processes. A Request For Proposals has been issued to solicit bids for the automation. In addition, the division is looking to create a website that will provide best practices as it relates to artificial intelligence (AI). Dr. John Middleton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief of Staff, provided information on MU's report on [AI and the Learning Environment](#) and changes made to CRR 200.010 ([Standard of Conduct](#)) in 2023 to include provisions about unauthorized use of artificially generated content.

Reflections and Wrap Up

The Cabinet's next meeting will be held in person on November 18.

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