

ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
Minutes of the Free Expression Committee
August 17, 2018

A meeting of the Free Expression Committee was held on August 17, 2018 at the b

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A meeting is a gathering, in person or through technological devices, of a quorum of the members of a public body where the public body discusses, propose or takes legal action. It can include a telephonic meeting, an in person meeting, through video conference, but it can also include electronic communication.

An exchange of electronic communications amongst a quorum of members of a public body that involves discussion, deliberation or taking of legal action by the public body regarding a matter that foreseeable is likely to come before the public body is considered a meeting that needs to be posted and agendized. One way electronic communication, by one members of a public body that proposes legal action is also considered a public meeting. Be cautious when engaging in electronic communication. Committee members may receive electronic communication from staff containing meeting materials and information and may communicate with staff electronically. Committee members should not copy the committee on their correspondence to staff. Communications regarding committee business through electronic means can be considered public records that are subject to disclosure.

Chair Arnold advised the committee, the statute changed this year, and we are required to record in our minutes how each member of the committee voted. Mr. Arnold recommended the committee hold a general vote and any descending or abstentions, the members identify themselves for the minutes.

Discussion and Action Regarding Statutory Report (Item 2)

Chair Arnold expressed his thanks for all the participation and comments on the report and expressed gratitude to Nancy Tribbensee who drove the process for the report.

Nancy Tribbensee, thanked the committee for their quick turnaround. The report itself demonstrates the continued commitment of the board and the universities to free expression. It identifies some areas that the universities and the board will be looking at over the upcoming year both to continue to educate our communities about the importance of free expression and the nuances of competing legal obligations of the universities. The report includes a description of the policies, practices and resources to make sure that we continue to protect these very important constitutional rights, recognize our other legal obligations and most importantly recognize the importance our fundamental educational mission. With the committee's permission, the board office would like to continue to make non-substantive changes (i.e., typos, resources) as we prepare the report for submission.

Regent Taylor Robson asked for clarification on the Foundation for Individuals to a Right for Education "FIRE" ranking, how a university obtains a green light ranking and if UA and NAU are working towards a "green light" FIRE ranking.

Nancy Tribbensee responded that policies from the universities and the board are reviewed and the universities receive an overall rating or ranking from F.I.R.E. based on F.I.R.E.'s evaluation of those policies.

José Cárdenas concurred, the F.I.R.E. website explains the criteria and explains the ranking each university receives.

