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TO: Jose Wudka, Chair
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FROM: Thomas Morton, Chair
Committee on Academic Freedom

The Committee on Academic Freedom has readopted the Conflict of Interest statement originally adopted in 1994-95, which is as follows:

If a member of the Academic Freedom Committee believes that a conflict of interest exists for him/herself or for another person on the committee, that member should call the possible conflict to the attention of the chair. The chair will convene the committee, except for the individual with the possible conflict, and those present will decide by majority vote if a conflict exists. If the decision is affirmative, the individual with the conflict will leave the room during discussion of the conflicted matter and will not vote on that matter.

If the chair is the individual in question, he/she will appoint an acting chair to consider the matter. The committee may ask the person in question to testify, but the person would not be present at other parts of the discussion or at the vote.