

November 5, 2018

To: Senate Executive Board  
Joe Bristow, Senate Chair  
Academic Senate

From: George Dutton, Chair  
Academic Freedom Committee



**Re: Request for feedback on proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-RMP-7 “Protection of Administrative Record Containing Personally Identifiable Information”**

The Committee on Academic Freedom (“CAF”) thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced policy. During their October 24, 2018 meeting, the Committee reviewed the report and discussed possible implications. After further review, the Committee does not feel that this proposal raises significant academic freedom issues because it expressly exclude “teaching and research records,” (BFB-RMP-7, p. 3 n.1) from its definition of covered “Administrative Records.” Thus, any information that faculty, staff (including library staff), or students gather about people in the course of research—for instance, research for biographies, op-eds, articles about real cases or incidents, and the like—would not be covered.

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