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6-202 Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Academic Freedom is essential for the well-functioning of academic institutions, and their ability to create and disseminate knowledge. Academic Freedom undergirds the right of faculty to teach from their disciplines free from unreasonable or arbitrary restrictions, both in and outside the classroom, to conduct research and publish, perform, or exhibit the results of that creative activity, and to address matters of institutional policy or governance.

Academic Responsibility implies the faithful performance of professional duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that when one is speaking on matters of public interest, one is not speaking for the institution.

The universities may retain existing, or adopt additional, policies or statements on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, consistent with this board policy.