

06.400 Rights and Responsibilities of Faculty

06.401 Academic Freedom and Responsibility. The System and its Institutions exist for the common good. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free expression. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. Academic freedom carries with it duties correlative with rights.

1. Academic Freedom in Research. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication or presentation of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties and the requirements of Institution policy.
2. Academic Freedom in Teaching. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in discussing their subject, but they should not introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject.
3. Academic Freedom and Public Expression. Faculty members are citizens as well as officers of their educational Institution. When faculty members speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their Institution by their utterances. Hence, they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the Institution.

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