

Academic Freedom	Procedure Number	627
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this statement is to promote public understanding and support of academic freedom. Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free expression.¹

2.0 REVISION HISTORY

Adopted on:
July 1993
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3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED

Full- and part-time faculty

4.0 DEFINITIONS

5.0 PROCEDURES

Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.

Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter, which has no relation to their subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of the appointment.

College teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they 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.²

¹ AAUP 1940 Statement of principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.pg. 14.

² AAUP 1940 Statement of principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.pg. 14.

REQUIRED APPROVALS	NAME/SIGNATURE	DATE
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UA Policy Alignment		

