

Policy

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties. They are also entitled to freedom in lecturing or conducting demonstrations in their subject or field of competence. They are entitled, as any other member of the community in which they live, to establish membership in voluntary groups, to seek or hold public office, to express their opinions as individuals on public questions, and to take action in accordance with their views. Cognizant of their responsibilities to their profession and institution, faculty accept certain obligations; they should attempt to be accurate, exercise sound judgment and respect the rights of others to express opinions. They must make clear that their actions, statements, and memberships do not necessarily represent the views of the academic community. If there are controls to be exercised over faculty members, they are the controls of personal integrity and the judgment of their colleagues.