

Article 2

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

A. A FACULTY MEMBER is entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of his/her other academic or administrative duties.

B. A FACULTY MEMBER is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his/her subject, but he/she should be careful not to introduce into his/her teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his/her subject.

C. A University FACULTY MEMBER is a citizen and a member of a learned profession. When he/she speaks or writes as a citizen, he/she should be free from University censorship or discipline, but his/her special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning he/she should remember that the public may judge his/her profession and his/her University by his/her utterances. Hence, he/she 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 he/she is not a spokesperson of the UNIVERSITIES. Acts which interfere with the activities of the UNIVERSITIES, acts which interfere with the freedom of movement on the campus, or acts which interfere with the freedom of all members of the academic community to pursue their rightful goals, are the antithesis of academic freedom and responsibility. So also are such acts which, in effect, deny freedom to speak, to be heard, to study, to teach, to administer and to pursue research.

D. 1. FACULTY MEMBERS are entitled to freedom in the selection of textbooks, audio-visual aids and other teaching aids.

2. There shall be no censorship of library materials.

3. With respect to subsections 1. and 2. above, budgetary limitations may restrict the quantity of items to be purchased.

E. Since certain aspects of the information obtained by a FACULTY MEMBER in the course of his/her work can be considered privileged, no FACULTY MEMBER shall be required to disclose such information unless he/she deems it to be in the best interest of his/her student or his/her profession. The University will immediately advise the FACULTY MEMBER of any effort, by action of law or otherwise, to secure records or other information obtained by the FACULTY MEMBER. In no event shall the University exercise any disciplinary action against a FACULTY MEMBER because of his/her assertion of privilege with regard to information under his/her control.

F. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed so as to deprive the University or its designees of its right of access to and/or possession of files, records or materials maintained by FACULTY MEMBERS in behalf of the University, provided,

however, that grade books shall remain in the possession of the FACULTY MEMBER so long as he/she remains on the campus.