ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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POLICY STATEMENT

4.2.2 Academic Freedom

1. Faculty members 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 a prior understanding with the authorities of the University.

2. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their course material, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to the scope of the course as outlined in the University catalogue description.
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3. University faculty members 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 persons of learning and as educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times act in a professional and responsible manner, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not institutional spokespersons.