

Chapter 3

Academic Freedom

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write **on matters of public interest as well as matters related to professional duties and the functioning of the University**, ~~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~~ **Academic responsibility implies the faithful performance of professional duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that when one is speaking or writing on matters of public interest, one is not speaking for the institution.**¹

¹ Section c. is amended from the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure to reflect the addition of language developed by an AAUP committee in 2009 in response to the implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *Garcetti* (2006) and subsequent lower court rulings pertaining to the free speech rights of public employees.