

*We reaffirm the principles of Academic Freedom that protects the rights of both faculty members and students to express and challenge ideas, present different viewpoints, engage in scholarly debate, and share their authentic voice through their own pedagogical ideology and intellectualism, without interference from political entities or fear of censorship, sanction, and retaliation. We further affirm that Academic Freedom includes the ability to introduce, teach, and discuss current scholarly theories relating to race, sex, gender, sexuality, religion, and other dimensions of diversity. A robust and free exchange of ideas, and debate over their validity, is a core value of higher education and, promotes intellectual curiosity. We reject any efforts that serve to silence faculty, students, or staff or threaten the intellectual integrity of institutions of higher education.*