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OTHER ACADEMIC POLICIES

**Academic Freedom**

Education depends upon the free expression and exchange of

ideas in the search for truth. Academic freedom is the freedom

to express any view, popular or unpopular, and to defend that

point of view in open exchange. The University supports freedom

of speech, inquiry, and expression for all members of its faculty,

students, and staff in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

All members of the Cal State San Marcos faculty shall have full

academic freedom, and the University endorses the general princi

ples of academic freedom outlined in the AAUP Statement (1940)

of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure.

The principles of academic freedom require their applica

tion to both teaching and research. Research cannot fulfill its

fundamental purpose of advancing knowledge unless it is done

in an environment supportive of academic freedom. Academic

freedom is essential to the classroom, as a protection of the rights

of the teacher and of the student. All those engaged in research

are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of

results, legal requirements, and recognized standards of their

profession. Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in

presenting material related to the content of the course, but shall

refrain from insisting that students or others accept any controver

sial point of view as authoritative.

Cal State San Marcos members have the right to speak and

write as citizens in any forum, free from institutional censorship

or discipline. However, they should apply the best standards

of their profession and make every effort to indicate that they

are speaking as individuals and not as representatives of the

University. As members of the academic community, they should

also remember that freedom of expression and thought equally

carry with them certain duties and obligations. Academic freedom

does not extend, for example, to any kind of abuse or infringe­

ment of the rights of others. Academic freedom focuses on the

obligation to ask difficult and meaningful questions and to pursue

the truths of those inquiries wherever the pursuit of truth leads.

Academic freedom must not be trivialized nor equated with other

freedoms of expression important and constitutionally guaranteed.