

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The University is committed to the belief that each faculty member is a professional person and is therefore the individual best qualified to judge all matters relating to the conduct of his/her classes. Policies concerning class attendance, textbook selection and teaching methods are the prerogative of the faculty member. In those cases where the department chairperson and faculty members of a department have agreed upon a uniform textbook for multiple sections of a particular course and/or have agreed upon course and program objectives, the faculty member is expected to cooperate with his/her departmental colleagues. The department chairperson and members of each department are free to initiate academic procedures they consider most suitable to their special discipline, provided such procedures are not in conflict with general university goals and objectives or regulations and procedures relating to academic policies and procedures or to academic dishonesty. Academic policy and overall standards affecting degree requirements emanate from the faculty through the deliberations of the standing governance committees and are proposed by the Senate to the President.