

Discussion of the Revised Academic Freedom Text

Revised Statement About Academic Freedom

The [revision](#) builds on the University Faculty's 1960 Academic Freedom statement by connecting it to the University's [Core Value Statement](#) and by providing more detail on these topics:

1. Broad scope of academic freedom: teaching, research, “private citizen” speech, campus governance.
2. Remaining vigilant about University's commitment to academic freedom and free speech and ongoing consultation between the President and the assemblies.
3. How to handle situations when imminent threat to public safety is involved.
4. How to handle situations when bias, harassment, and sexual misconduct are involved.
5. Freedom to assemble outdoors without permits.

The Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty has reviewed the proposed statement and supports this [resolution](#) that would make the revised statement official.

Adoption Plan

1. Professor Lieberwitz will now present four amendments.
2. These amendments together with the feedback from this meeting will be taken up by the Committee on Academic Freedom and the Professional Status of the Faculty (AFPSF). The AFPSF will consult with General Counsel.
3. The AFPSF will present a recommendation to the Senate which we will process together with the four amendments at the next meeting, probably Jan 20.