
BOARD POLICY ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Approval Authority	Board of Governors
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Related Policies / Legislation	Board policy direction Values and Ethics (BPD-201) <i>University Act, s. 27</i>

POLICY

The university is committed to the belief that the exchange of knowledge and ideas in an environment of intellectual freedom is an indispensable foundation of quality education. Academic freedom is one means to ensure that an environment of intellectual freedom is sustained. Academic freedom includes the right of all members of the university community to inquire, discuss, speak and express themselves, study, conduct research, teach, publish, associate, create and exhibit their work without hindrance or restriction by the university or any of its representatives.

Notwithstanding the above, academic freedom does not entitle anyone from the university community to promote hatred or contempt for any social, national, or ethnic group; display incompetence in teaching or scholarship; or violate the human rights of others.

REGULATIONS

In addition to any recourse that a member of the Faculty and Staff Association may have under the FSA Collective Agreement, any member of the university community who believes that his or her academic freedom is not being respected has a right to appeal for redress to the Senate, through its Chair, or designate.
