



Academic Freedom - Policy 010

Policy Statement

This policy applies to all teaching and research instructors and faculty at the University.

A fundamental principle for all universities is that instructors and faculty members have the right to academic freedom in their teaching and research activities.

The purpose of academic freedom is to promote the unfettered pursuit of knowledge in research and teaching by university instructors and faculty. The pursuit and dissemination of knowledge through research and teaching is understood as a fundamental value within the University. PCU-WHS embraces the idea of academic freedom and the publication of the results of research subject to the roles and responsibilities of instructors and faculty to their academic performance and duties to the institution. As teachers, instructors and faculty are entitled to academic freedom in the classroom, but should be careful not to introduce matters that have no relation to the subject matter of the curriculum. When instructors and faculty speak as private citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

However, as professionals they should strive for accuracy, be respectful and make every effort to be clear that they are not speaking on behalf of the University.

This policy defines and outlines the rights, roles and responsibilities entailed by Academic Freedom as it is understood at PCU-WHS.

Related Policy

Code of Conduct
Dispute Resolution
Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination

Definitions

University Community includes members of the Board of Governors, members of the Academic Council, members of the International Research Advisory Council, students, employees, contractors and volunteers associated with the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences.

Procedures

It is part of the roles and responsibilities of instructors and faculty to abide by the academic freedom policy as defined here. It is the responsibility of the University to allow instructors and faculty to exercise academic freedom in their teaching and research activities.

Approvals and Responsibility

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