
**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

TITLE: ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

NUMBER: PRO 3-01

REFERENCE: Board Rule 3.01
Florida Statutes 1001.64 (18)

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure academic freedom for College faculty. Academic freedom is defined as the freedom for faculty to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism and to respectfully examine ideas in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

Oversight for academic freedom is under the supervision of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

III. BACKGROUND

Academic Freedom is fundamental to scholarly endeavors in a College environment. In addition to this long-standing tradition, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges requires the distribution of the principles of academic freedom as established by the District Board of Trustees.

IV. PROCEDURES

The administration of the College guarantees academic freedom by making sure that all faculty members are protected from the threats of economic deprivation and dismissal based on the responsible exercise of academic freedom. Faculty may address perceived threats to academic freedom to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and, if necessary, to the Director of Equity and Diversity.

The faculty subscribe to this statement of academic freedom with the understanding that academic freedom neither implies the granting of license nor releases anyone of his or her contractual and legal duties. Additionally, responsible exercise of academic freedom required adherence to applicable LSSC Procedures.

In agreeing to this statement of academic freedom, faculty do not diminish their rights as provided under the Constitution of the United States.

It is the responsibility of each faculty member to ensure appropriate content of courses taught, to outline course requirements in the syllabi to be provided to each student, to participate in meaningful assessment of student learning outcomes, and to present course materials and information objectively.

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