

Academic Freedom and Faculty Responsibility

Summary/Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide an understanding and standardization of academic freedom at the Medical Center.

The Medical Center recognizes the fact that in the republic of scholars there are certain indisputable rights to freedom of expression. The Medical Center encourages the search for knowledge and truth, and does not abridge the scholar's right to reveal his/her finding through appropriate channels by both spoken and written word, even if in doing so he/she may find variances with students and professional peers, as well as with the lay community. The scholar must, however, recognize the fact that as a human being, he/she is also the possessor of opinions, some of which may be subject to human frailty of bias and error. As a free citizen, he/she has the right to express these opinions. The degree to which one expresses them as a scholar, claiming sanctuary in the University is a matter of academic responsibility. The University shall insist upon scholarly objectivity within and outside the classroom.