

Academic Freedom Resolution (Passed CUSF May 18, 2012)

Academic freedom is the liberty that faculty members have if they are to practice their scholarly profession in accordance with the norms of that profession. It is based on the institutional structure of this and other universities and is fundamental to their common mission of promoting inquiry and advancing the sum of human knowledge and understanding. It is a condition of employment. Although some aspects of academic freedom are also protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, academic freedom exists, independent of any external protection, as a basic prerequisite for universities to fulfill their mission to our society.

Generally, academic freedom is the freedom to teach, both in and outside the classroom, to conduct research and to engage in other scholarly or creative activities, to publish or otherwise disseminate the results, and to control promotion and tenure standards. Academic freedom also encompasses the freedom to address, or not address, any matter of institutional policy or action whether or not one is a member of any agency of institutional governance. Faculty have the freedom to address the larger community with regard to any social, political, economic, or other interests. Administrations should not

• freedom of internal criticism Universities promote the common good not through individual decision or bureaucratic calculation, but through broad-based engagement in the scholarly endeavor. Faculty members, because of their education and their institutional knowledge, play an indispensable role as independent participants in universit