

Rancho Santiago Community College District
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Chapter 4
Academic Affairs

AR 4030 Academic Freedom

Reference(s):

Title 5, Section 51023
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20
ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.C.7 (formerly II.A.7)

In support of BP 4030 Academic Freedom procedures related to academic freedom should address the following best practices from the American Association of University Professors:

- Faculty are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.
- Faculty are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to the subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of appointment.
- College and university faculty are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and education officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.

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