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Title: Academic Freedom

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Central Louisiana Technical Community College is committed to the principle of academic freedom. This principle allows faculty members to teach, study, and research without undue institutional restrictions. The principle also includes the right of a member of the faculty to exercise in speaking, writing, and action outside the College the ordinary rights of the American citizen, but it does not decrease the responsibility and accountability which the member of the academic staff bears to the College, the state, and the nation. Among the many implicit responsibilities that must be assumed by those enjoying the privileges of academic freedom shall be refraining from insisting upon any particular point of view in controversial issues. In particular, faculty members should recognize that academic freedom also applies to students and that, with controversial issues, student opinions may differ from faculty opinions.

Responsibilities of Academic Faculty

It is a basic principle that every member of the faculty, of whatever rank, shall at all times be held responsible for competent and effective performance of his/her duties. The concept of freedom should be accompanied by an equally demanding concept of responsibility.

College faculty members 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 persons of learning and educational officers, they should remember that the public might judge the profession and the institution by their utterances. Hence, they should at all times show respect for the opinions of others, and they should make every effort to indicate that they are not spokespersons for the institution.



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Policy Reference: LCTCS Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Academic Staff 1.038

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