

# **Southwestern Oregon Community College**

## **BP 4030 Academic Freedom**

### **Purpose**

To promote understanding and support of academic freedom.

### **Statement**

The Board of Education recognizes academic freedom is essential and applies to both teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student in freedom in learning. It carries with it duties correlative with rights.

Southwestern Oregon Community College shall support the principles of academic freedom, built upon the free expression and exchange of ideas that are inherent in the search for scholarly truth and upon which a free and democratic society depends.

The President or designee shall develop appropriate administrative procedures to implement this policy.

### **References:**

NWCCU Standards 2.B.1, 2.B.2  
*No Oregon statutory requirement*

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