

**GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Board of Trustees**

**ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Community College Board of Trustees desires to promote and assure public understanding and support of academic freedom in the College; and

**WHEREAS**, institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual faculty member or the institution as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition; and

**WHEREAS**, academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research; and

**WHEREAS**, freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth; and

**WHEREAS**, academic freedom is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and of the student in learning; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching includes, but is not limited to, method of teaching; method of presentation; materials used in teaching; presentations and all things related to the students' classroom learning; and

**WHEREAS**, it carries with it duties correlative with rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Guam Community College Board of Trustees adopts, as its policy, the following statement on Academic Freedom:

**(a) The faculty member is entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of his/her other academic duties**

**(b) The faculty member is a citizen and a member of a learned profession of an educational institution. When the faculty member speaks or writes as a citizen, the faculty member should be free from institutional censorship or discipline. The faculty member's special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning and an educational officer, the**

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**faculty member should remember that the public may judge his/her profession and institution by his/her utterances. Hence the faculty member 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 the faculty member is not an institutional spokesperson.**

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