

## ***APPENDIX C: ACADEMIC FREEDOM - POLICY 460***

**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 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 in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and of the student in 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, a member of a learned profession, and an officer of an educational institution. When he/she speaks or writes as a citizen, he/she should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but his/her special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning and an educational officer, he/she should remember that the public may judge his/her profession and his/her institution by his/her utterances. Hence he/she 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 he/she is not an institutional spokesperson.

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