



FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Policy # 1.007

ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY

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PURPOSE:

Fletcher, as an institution of higher education, serves the common good, which depends upon the search for truth and open expression. Fletcher’s policy on academic freedom is guided by LCTCS Policy #1.038. The points listed below constitute the College’s position on academic freedom as it relates to the classroom.

POLICY:

- Faculty members are appointed to share with their students and their communities the truth as they see it in their respective disciplines.
- The mastery of a subject makes a faculty member a qualified authority in that discipline and competent to choose how to present information and conclusions to students. Subject to legal constraints, and within contractual guidelines, the following are among the freedoms that should reside primarily with the faculty:
 - ✓ planning and revising curricula,
 - ✓ selecting course readings, and
 - ✓ selecting classroom audio/visual and other teaching materials.
- Prior restraint or sanctions should not be imposed upon faculty members in the exercise of their rights as citizens or their duties as instructors. Faculty members should not fear reprisals for exercising their civic rights and academic freedoms.
- Faculty members have a right to expect the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and administrators to uphold vigorously the principles of academic freedom and to protect them from harassment, censorship, or interference from outside groups and individuals.
- Academic freedom should not be used to infringe on student rights or abilities.
- Within contractual guidelines, individual faculty members are generally responsible for choosing instructional methodologies, assigning classroom grades, and maintaining classroom discipline.

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