

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

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POLICY/PROCEDURE: Academic Freedom

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Academic freedom is the right of the individual faculty member to interpret his/her findings and to communicate conclusions without being subjected to any interference or penalty because these conclusions are at variance with those of constituted authorities or organized groups outside the College. Of necessity, faculty members must determine, in keeping with their own good judgment and maturity, the responsibilities of a college faculty member. **Academic freedom and academic responsibility are inseparable.**

College faculty 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. However, their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a people of learning and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge the profession and their institution by their appearances. Hence, they 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 they are not institutional spokespersons unless otherwise instructed to do so.

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