SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES

POLICY NO. 3.01

TITLE: ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

LEGAL AUTHORITY: FLORIDA STATUTE 1004.097

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY: VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES

At South Florida State College (SFSC), the faculty members are free to pursue and convey knowledge in their area of special training and expertise, subject to College, state of Florida, and federal policies, procedures, laws, and the code of ethics for professional educators.

As a private citizen, the faculty member is entitled to express personal views free from institutional constraints. However, the instructor must be conscious of the special status the teaching position represents in the community and be aware that the public may judge the profession and SFSC according to individual practices. Therefore, the faculty member should make every effort to be tolerant of others and accurate in expressing views in order to protect the image of the profession and SFSC, and to abide by applicable laws.

Among employees and associates of the College, there may be no attempted intimidation by word or deed of those with differing views and methods when they are consistent with the provisions noted in this policy.

The president shall establish procedures to assure that entertainment, theatrical, artistic, intellectual, and other cultural activities and pursuits are in keeping with community standards of acceptability.

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