

Memo to: All UH-Downtown/PS Holders
From: Manuel T. Pacheco, President
Subject: Academic Freedom

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1. PURPOSE

In recognition of the principle that a university of the first rank should have a clear statement of the privileges and responsibilities of its faculty under the right of academic freedom, this policy statement is adopted by the university.

2. POLICY/PROCEDURES

Believing the American Association of University Professors to have set forth clear and widely recognized principles of academic freedom, the University of Houston – Downtown (UHD) incorporates into this policy statement the following sections of the AAUP Professors Policy Documents and Reports, 1977 edition, page 2.

2.1 Teaching

The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing subject matter, but should be careful not to introduce into lectures controversial matter that has no direct relation to the subject.

2.2. Research and Publication

The teacher is entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of other academic duties; however, research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.

2.3 Professionalism

The college or university teacher is a citizen, a member of a learned profession, and an officer of an educational institution. The teacher who speaks or writes as a citizen should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but the special position of a teacher in the community imposes certain obligations. Because a person of learning and an educational officer speaks, the public may judge that the profession and the institution are represented by the teacher's utterance. Hence, the teacher should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to avoid the implications of speaking as if on behalf of the institution.

3. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible Party (Reviewer): Vice President for Academic Affairs

Review: As needed

Reprint of original policy statement. Signed original on file in the President's Office.