

Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

AP 4030 Academic Freedom

References:

Title 5 Section 51023; Accreditation Standard II.A.7, Article XIV (Faculty Evaluation Procedures), Section O from the Faculty Association Contract

It is agreed that it shall be the policy of the College to maintain and encourage freedom for its faculty, within the law, of inquiry, teaching and research, and the pursuit of knowledge. No evaluation shall be made of any professor based on the exercise of these freedoms. In the exercise of this right, the professor may discuss his/her subject or area of competence in the classroom, as well as other relevant matters, including controversial materials, so long as he/she distinguishes between personal opinions and what is contemporarily regarded as factual information by leading academicians in the discipline being discussed.

The professor shall use no materials in any teaching assignment nor make any speech in order to incite students or others to unlawful acts or to create a clear and present danger to the students and/or the College and/or the community. In addition to evaluation of those criteria identified as their responsibility in the evaluation process, administrators have the right to investigate any performance criterion listed in Section B (in Article XIV of the Faculty Contract) if and when a complaint is received which identifies the complainant and is specific and precise as to the nature of the complaint and the time and place of the alleged incident. Professors may not use the classroom to promote a particular religious belief.

It is further agreed that nothing in this section shall be regarded as inconsistent with the philosophy and policy of the Mt. San Antonio College Board of Trustees as established in Board Policy 4030 titled Academic Freedom adopted on May 26, 2004 which sections shall not be changed except by mutual consent between the Board and the Association. Furthermore, it is agreed that nothing in this section shall relieve any professor of his/her obligations to fulfill his/her responsibility under item “5” of Section B (in Article XIV of the Faculty Contract).

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