

ARTICLE 15: ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- 15.01 The parties recognize that the University, in pursuing its objects and purposes, subscribes to the principle of academic freedom which encourages the search for knowledge and its free expression.
- 15.01.01 Faculty members have the right to examine, question, teach, learn, investigate, speculate, comment, publish, and criticize, without deference to prescribed doctrines. Academic freedom makes possible commitment that may result in strong statements of beliefs and positions, and protects against any University penalty for exercising that freedom. Academic freedom carries with it the duty to use that freedom in a manner consistent with the scholarly obligation to base research and teaching on an honest search for knowledge.
- 15.01.02 Librarian members have the right and responsibility to make knowledge, ideas, and information freely available, no matter how controversial, without deference to prescribed doctrine or institutional censorship. Academic freedom also ensures the member's right to disseminate the results of his/her research and to express his/her professional opinion freely and publicly, without University penalty for exercising that freedom. Members recognize that academic freedom involves a duty to use that freedom in a responsible way.