



**Angelo State University**  
**Operating Policy and Procedure**

**OP 04.04: Academic Freedom**

**DATE:** September 1, 2007

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to ensure academic freedom on the Angelo State University campus.

**REVIEW:** This OP will be reviewed by February 1 by the Associate vice President for Academic and Student Affairs with recommended revisions presented to the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs by February 15.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

Angelo State University is strongly committed to the principles of academic freedom for faculty in teaching, research, and the publication of scholarly inquiry accompanied by an equally demanding concept of responsibility.

**1. Academic Freedom**

- a. The faculty member is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing the faculty member's subject but should be judicious in the use of controversial material in the classroom and should introduce such material only as it has clear relationship to the subject field.
- b. The faculty member is entitled to freedom in research and in the publication of the results in accordance with responsible academic and professional practices.