Angelo State University
Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 04.04: Academic Freedom

DATE: October 4, 2021

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 in May every three years, or as needed, by the Office of the Provost with recommended revisions forwarded through the provost and vice president for academic affairs to the president.

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.