

PROCEDURE LIT.9.01.01
FACULTY EXERCISE OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM

SCOPE: Faculty and Staff

1. The faculty is free to present issues in the classroom that may be of a debatable or controversial nature; provided:
 - 1.1. that this is done objectively and in the spirit of academic inquiry,
 - 1.2. that the topic is pertinent to the subject matter of the course,
 - 1.3. that the material is presented in good taste,
 - 1.4. The faculty shall not advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the State of Texas by force or violence or other unconstitutional method,
 - 1.5. and that the presentation of the material does not violate any:
 - 1.5.1. Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) or Texas State University System (TSUS) policy,
 - 1.5.2. or state or federal law or directive
2. The faculty is encouraged to conduct research and publish materials, provided that these activities do not interfere with the performance of assigned duties.
3. The faculty is entitled to express opinions as citizens outside the classroom; however, the faculty should clearly indicate that these are personal opinions that may not represent the viewpoint of LIT.
4. The faculty should share in the selection of textbooks, library materials, choice of course materials, and in the formation of the curriculum.
5. The faculty shall have access to procedures embracing the concept of due process in alleged abridgement of their academic freedom.
6. General faculty meetings are recognized as forums through which lines of communication are established and maintained.

Related Policies: LIT.9.01

Relevant Forms/Documents:

Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:

Relevant Statutes:

Relevant SACSOC Standards: 6.4, 10.4

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