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Policy Statement

“Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject.” (# 2 under “Academic Freedom” from the AAUP 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure)

The academic freedom of faculty members is accompanied by equally compelling obligations and responsibilities to the profession, students, college, and community. Faculty members are afforded the rights of academic freedom while willingly accepting the responsibilities that follow.

Faculty members:

- should be judicious in the introduction of material in the classroom without forfeiting the instructional benefits of controversy;
- should recognize their responsibility to maintain competence in their disciplines;
- should not attempt to force a personal viewpoint on students;
- should always make clear that the views they express are their own, and should avoid creating the impression that they speak or act on behalf of the college.

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