

Coast Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 3
Educational Programs and Student Relationships

BP 4030 Academic Freedom

Title 5, Section 51023
Accreditation Standard 2.2

ARTICLE VI. ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. Recognizing that free search for truth and the expression of diverse opinions are essential to a democratic society, both the District and the Federation will encourage and protect academic freedom.

Section 2. A Faculty Member shall not be subject to any adverse action affecting the Faculty Member's employment status with the District:

(a) For exercising freedom to examine or endorse unpopular or controversial ideas appropriate to course content, discussions with students, or academic research or publication, nonetheless, the Faculty Member shall attempt to be accurate, objective, and show respect for the opinions of others;

(b) For selection or recommending the selection of instructional materials for courses which may contain unpopular or controversial ideas;

(c) For speaking or writing as a citizen, provided that the Faculty Member recognizes a special obligation as a member of the education profession and indicates that the Faculty Member is not speaking for the College or the District;

(d) For presenting all points of view including library materials of interest, information and enlightenment without regard to the race or nationality or social, political or religious view of the authors;

(e) For expressing in an appropriate forum the Faculty Member's viewpoint on matters of College and District policy.

Section 3. Political activities on campus shall be governed by District policies and procedures which shall be in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

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