



Policy Title
Academic Freedom Policy

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1-019

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Responsible Official: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Last Reviewed Date: 5/28/2021
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I. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to inform Southern University Law Center (SULC) faculty of their rights and responsibilities with respect to academic freedom.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all faculty, both full- and part-time.

III. Policy Compliance

Policy compliance will be overseen by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Chancellor.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy and Applicable Procedures

The Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, as is the System President and Board of Supervisors, is wholly committed to the principle of academic freedom. Academic freedom is the right of members of the academic community freely to study, discuss, investigate, teach, conduct research, and publish as appropriate to their respective roles and responsibilities. Because the common good depends upon the free search for and exposition of truth and understanding, full

freedom in research and publication is essential, as is the freedom to discuss scholarly subjects in the classroom.

VI. Policy Related Information

Not applicable.

VII. Policy History and Review Cycle

This policy was carried forward unchanged from pages 20-21 Summer 2018 Faculty Handbook, also described as the Faculty Guide. The policy was converted into the current format and approved by the faculty on May 28, 2021.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at www.sulc.edu.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by the faculty.



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Date