

UNIVERSITY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and  
Community Responsibility (CAFFECOR)

Date: April 17, 2016

**RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY**

Whereas The SUNY Senate passed the following Resolution on Academic Freedom (passed by the SUNY Senate at their Plenary, October 22-24, 2015):

Whereas, recent public cases challenging the precepts academic freedom have been in the news and;

Whereas the outcome of each current case potentially alters the intellectual, campus, and teaching climates on SUNY campuses,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUNY Faculty Senate urges each SUNY campus governance organization(s) to have an open discussion on the attached documents during the 2015-2016 academic year

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that governance on SUNY campuses are urged to perform a comprehensive review of all campus documents to determine that any statements on academic freedom are consonant with precepts of academic freedom and consistent with action items from the campus-wide discussions;

AND

Whereas University at Albany Senate Chair Cynthia Fox tasked CAFFECOR with doing this comprehensive review and;

Whereas CAFFECOR researched the policy on academic freedom on University at Albany websites and;

Whereas CAFFECOR discovered that academic freedom means different things to different people and;

Whereas CAFFECOR held a forum on academic freedom on March 25, 2016 and;

Whereas CAFFECOR members held discussions in person and via email with each other and also with various University administrative offices and;

Whereas CAFFECOR recognizes the importance of academic and professional faculty being able to find this information;

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate urges the University at Albany's Administration to post the policy on academic freedom (as found in the UUP Contract and in the SUNY Board of Trustees statement in Part 335, Appointment of Employees, Title 1) on its website, in an accessible, easy to find location and;

Be it further resolved that new academic and professional faculty are informed of this at their orientations.