

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

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SUBJECT: ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Academic freedom requires a full and rigorous search for inquiry and truth in all disciplines of learning. Such freedom includes discovery, examination, analysis and evaluation of facts and ideas. Hence, it is essential that a faculty member be free to pursue scholarly inquiry without undue restriction, and to voice and publish conclusions concerning the significance of evidence considered relevant. The faculty member must be free from the corrosive fear that others, inside or outside the university community, because their vision may differ, may threaten his or her professional career or the material benefits accruing from it.

Each faculty member is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing the subject which he or she teaches, but is expected not to introduce

A faculty member has the responsibility to provide due notice of intentions to interrupt or terminate institutional services.

Contact for Interpretation: Vice President of Academic Affairs

This policy statement supersedes all previous policy statements on this subject.

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- 12/13/2017 – Class recording statement