

The review of this policy is pending FA Attorney review and comment.

BP 4030 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

References:

Title 5 Section 51023;
Accreditation Standard II.A.7

NOTE: Boards are **legally required** to adopt a statement of academic freedom. The District should insert its current policy as developed collegially with the Academic Senate or collectively bargained, in this section.

❖ From the current CLPCCD Policy 4320 titled Academic Freedom

Academic freedom exists and is nurtured in our community for the common good of all citizens. Students, faculty, administrators and society itself derive benefits from the practice of academic freedom with its open search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is fundamental for the protection of the instructor's right in teaching and the student's right in learning in the classroom and on the campus. Academic freedom carries with it responsibilities correlative with rights, such responsibilities being implicit in all freedoms and assured by all members of the college to insure the rights of others. (Ref. FA Contract Article 23 – Academic Freedom)

Any issue involving the alleged violation of academic freedom on campus shall follow the procedures of academic due process as provided for the students, faculty and the college, whichever is appropriate.

NOTE: The **red ink** signifies language that is **legally required** and recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service and their legal counsel. The language in **black ink** is from the current Chabot-Las Positas CCD Policy 4320 titled Academic Freedom adopted on March 19, 1996. This document was included in the administrative review on March 21, 2013. This document was reviewed by representatives of the Academic Senates on October 21, 2013. The **violet ink** was added by FA on November 12, 2013.

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(This policy replaces current CLPCCD Policy 4320)

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TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 6. CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CHAPTER 2. COMMUNITY COLLEGE STANDARDS
SUBCHAPTER 1. MINIMUM CONDITIONS

s 51023. Faculty.

The governing board of a community college district shall:

- (a) adopt a policy statement on academic freedom which shall be made available to faculty and be filed with the Chancellor;
- (b) adopt procedures which are consistent with the provisions of Sections 53000-53206, regarding the role of academic senates and faculty councils and are filed with the Chancellor;
- (c) substantially comply with district adopted policy and procedures adopted pursuant to Subsections (a) and (b).

Accreditation Standard II.A: Student Learning Programs and Services

7. In order to assure the academic integrity of the teaching-learning process, the institution uses and makes public governing board adopted policies on academic freedom and responsibility, student academic honesty, and specific institutional beliefs or worldviews. These policies make clear the institution's commitment to the free pursuit and dissemination of knowledge.

- a. Faculty distinguish between personal conviction and professionally accepted views in a discipline. They present data and information fairly and objectively.
- b. The institution establishes and publishes clear expectations concerning student academic honesty and the consequences for dishonesty.
- c. Institutions that require conformity to specific codes of conduct of staff, faculty, administrators, or students, or that seek to instill specific beliefs or worldviews, give clear prior notice of such policies, including statements in the catalog and/or appropriate faculty or student handbooks.