

**WVMCCD Board Policy**

**BP 40 0**

**Academic Affairs**

**BP 40 0 ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**References:**

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academic and intellectual freedom is best protected by a system of tenure, academic due process, and policies and procedures that provide faculty with

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the opportunity to study controversial issues and divergent views and to arrive at their own conclusions—even if they differ from those of the instructor.

Academics, faculty members have obligations that derive from common membership in the community of scholars. They respect and defend the free inquiry of associates. In the exchange of criticism and ideas, faculty members show due respect for the opinions of others. They strive to be objective in their professional evaluations of colleagues, and accept their share of academic responsibilities for the governance of their institution.

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