

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| Policy | Approving Body Revisions Responsibility of | Board of Governors Board of Governors |
| Subject: Academic Freedom Policy | | |

The fulfillment of the mandate of the Sea to Sky University is dependent upon its academic community having the protection of academic freedom. The common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge, its free exposition and application. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes in the teaching/learning, research, and service functions of the University.

In fulfilling their responsibilities, members of the academic community at Sea to Sky University shall not be hindered or impeded in any way by the University or by any organization within the University from exercising their legal rights as citizens, nor shall they suffer any penalties because of the exercise of their rights. Members of the academic community are entitled, regardless of prescribed doctrine, to freedom in carrying out research and in publishing the results thereof, freedom of teaching and of discussion, freedom to criticize the University and any organization within the University, and freedom from institutional censorship.

Academic freedom carries with it the duty to use that freedom in a manner consistent with the scholarly obligation to base research and teaching on an honest search for knowledge. Moreover, academic freedom carries with it a corresponding obligation to use this freedom responsibly, with due concern for the rights of others, for the duties appropriate to the University appointment and for the purposes of the University. Academic freedom does not confer legal immunity either inside or outside the University, nor does it prevent collective self-governance and peer evaluation as conducted or approved by academic, research or professional bodies whether within or outside the University.

Every member of the University community may suggest changes to this document. Print out the page to be changed, make the changes exactly the way you want them and submit your suggestion to your supervisor. The current version of this document can be found on the website at www.seatoskyu.ca