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WGTC Academic Freedom

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Purpose

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College fully supports the concept of academic freedom and recognizes that it is important to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism among both faculty and students in the pursuit of learning. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom while discussing their subject or profession. Caution should be used not to introduce teaching matters that have no relation to the instructional field of study.

Faculty members must fulfill their responsibilities to their profession, the college, and society by exhibiting competence, professional discretion, and good citizenship. While free from institutional censorship or discipline, when they speak or write as citizens, faculty members must be accurate, exercise appropriate judgment, show respect for the opinions of others, and make every effort to indicate they are not speaking for the Technical College.

The principles of academic freedom shall not prevent the institution from making proper efforts to ensure the highest quality instruction for all students in accordance with the objectives of the college.

Responsibility

The Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs has the overall responsibility of ensuring this procedure is implemented.