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Section: III. Academic Affairs

Subsection: A. Academic Freedom and Responsibility

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A. Academic Freedom and Responsibility

In adopting the following statements concerning academic freedom and responsibility, the Board of

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A. Academic Freedom and Responsibility (continued)

whether personality, race, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, degree of political activism, or personal beliefs.

It is the faculty members' mastery of their subjects and their own scholarship which entitle them to their classrooms and to freedom in the presentation of their subjects. Thus, it is improper for faculty members persistently to intrude material which has no relation to their subjects, or to fail to present the subject matter of their course as announced to their students and as approved by the faculty in their collective responsibility for the curriculum.

Because academic freedom has traditionally included the faculty member's full freedom as a citizen, most faculty members face no insoluble conflicts between the claims of politics, social action, and conscience, on the one hand, and the claims and expectations of their students, colleagues, and institutions, on the other. If such conflicts become acute, and the faculty members' attention to their obligations as citizens and moral agents precludes the fulfillment of substantial academic obligations, they cannot escape the responsibility of that choice, but should either request leaves of absence or resign their academic positions.

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Subsection: B. University Calendar

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B. University Calendar

1. The University shall develop a University Calendar containing significant academic dates and events during the twelve-month period commencing with each fall term. The University Calendar shall become effective when approved by the President and shall be published in the official University Catalog. The University Calendar and any changes shall be submitted to the Board by the President.
2. The University Calendar shall contain the following dates and such other dates as are necessary and appropriate: opening and closing dates of each term; registration dates, including the date after which a fee for late registration will be charged; last day for withdrawal; final examination periods; recognized holidays; vacations; and commencement.

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