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Title: Policy Statement on Academic Freedom	EFFECTIVE DATE April 1, 2005	REPLACES New Policy

POLICY STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Seneca College is committed to providing a learning, teaching and service environment that nurtures mutual respect, diversity and inclusiveness for all.

The College recognizes the right of faculty and staff to carry out their teaching/learning activities; to pursue research and publish the results within areas of one's expertise, and to criticize policies and actions of the College and society at large within the parameters established by the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act (2002), College policies, ethical guidelines and human rights legislation.

Academic freedom incorporates the evaluation, development, and delivery of teaching and learning materials that are consistent with approved learning outcomes and curricula.

Seneca College recognizes that faculty and staff are free to examine, question, and express their views on scholarly issues. Academic freedom carries with it the duty to use that freedom in a manner consistent with the scholarly obligation to base research on an honest search for knowledge while adhering to college policies, ethical guidelines and the law. The rights and responsibilities included in this policy include the right to express, distribute or publish one's views, free from censorship or reprisal, except where the exercise of such rights contravene the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

All members of the Seneca community are individually accountable for compliance with this policy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Vice President Academic