



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Stephen Sapp
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: February 25, 2008

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2007-35(B) – Change in the *Faculty Manual* Section C8
Academic Freedom

On November 28, 2007 the Faculty Senate approved the proposed changes to the *Faculty Manual* in relation to Academic Freedom, as presented by the Ad Hoc Committee.

The changes to the *Faculty Manual* are shown as the current language and the revised language.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your information.

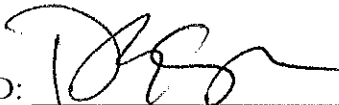
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Faculty Senate Legislation #2007-35(B) – Change in the *Faculty Manual* Section C8 Academic Freedom

PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 2/27/08
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Senate Office

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Currently in the Faculty Manual:

C8 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

All members of the GENERAL FACULTY are entitled to academic freedom as defined in the 1940 Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure formulated by the Association of American Colleges and the American Association of University Professors (and as additionally interpreted by those bodies in 1969-1970 and with their 1989-1990 changes in language to remove gender specific text).

Amended version:

C8 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Principles

Faculty members shall have full freedom of expression as teachers, researchers, scholars, and/or artists; this includes freedom to present their work, to advocate solutions to human problems, and to criticize existing institutions. This freedom does not abrogate faculty members' responsibility to perform their academic duties or obligations they may have assumed in accepting support for research. Research activities are also subject to University policies such as those on patents, copyrights, and inventions as set forth in the *Faculty Manual*.

Faculty members shall have freedom in the classroom in discussing the subject but should avoid persistently introducing material that has no relation to that subject.

When speaking or writing as members of society, faculty members retain all the rights shared with other members of society and shall be free from University censorship or discipline. It should be remembered that the public may judge a profession and the University by public utterances by faculty members. Faculty members thus should make every effort to indicate whether they are acting as spokespersons for the University or are speaking in a private capacity.