

**3344-62-06 Academic freedom**

- (A) The right to demonstrate and protest on university property
- (1) It is recognized that free speech is essential in a democratic society. As individuals or groups, librarians are permitted to demonstrate and protest on university property in opposition to University, city, state, national, or international policy provided they do not violate any applicable local, state, or federal law, and no acts are performed that:
- (a) cause damage to personal or university property;
  - (b) cause injury to an individual;
  - (c) prevent any student from attending class, entering or leaving any university facility, or attending any special program on university property;
  - (d) prevent administrative officers, faculty, librarians, students, employees, or invited guests of the university from performing duties that they are authorized to perform;
  - (e) block the normal business of the university, particularly classroom or laboratory instruction; and
  - (f) block pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (2) Librarians are subject to the limitations imputed by law in the exercise of their rights of freedom of speech, protest, and demonstration in support of or opposition to public or university policy.

(B) Academic Freedom in Performance of Responsibilities:

The university recognizes the academic freedom of librarians in the performance of their academic responsibilities to select materials to create an appropriate academic library collection, to provide instruction in its use, and to create websites, displays, and other academic resources.

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