



## **ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

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**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Responsible Office:** Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Division:** Academic Affairs

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### **I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE**

Preserve and Protect Academic Freedom

### **II. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

This policy is guided by the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure that was developed by representatives of the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges (now known as the Association of American Colleges and Universities) after a series of joint conferences that began in 1934. This policy is aligned with the Bylaws & Rules of the [University of Louisiana System](#). This policy also supports the mission of Grambling State University that expects “that all persons who matriculate and who are employed at Grambling will reflect through their study and work that the University is indeed a place where all persons are valued, “where everybody is somebody.”

- A. Grambling University is committed to the principle of academic freedom. This principle acknowledges the right of a teacher to explore fully within the field of his/her subject as he/she believes to represent the truth.
- B. Outside the University, members of the academic staff have the right to engage in speaking, writing, and other actions that are part of the ordinary rights of citizens in communities in the United States. This right however, does not decrease the responsibility and accountability that the member of the academic staff has to Grambling State University, the state of Louisiana, and the nation.
- C. Academic Freedom applies not only to teaching but also to research/creative works and publications.
- D. While utilizing the rights associated with Academic Freedom, students and others may not be required to subscribe to a particular point of view in controversial issues.