

Senate Recommendation 2024-05-16 2024/c-8-a-Proposed Revision Faculty Handbook section II.D. Free
Speech

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Proposal to Amend WKU Faculty Handbook

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Section(s) to be amended: II. D, E

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1. Type of Change:

Editorial (non-substantive)

Substantive

Editorial revisions include updates to the organizational structure, web addresses and names/titles, as well as other similar non-substantive changes.

Addition: Where possible, identify the section of the handbook to which addition is proposed:

Deletion: Identify the section of the handbook from which deletion is proposed:

Revision: Identify the section of the handbook to which revision is proposed: II.D., E.

2. Proposals should be made in the form of text intended as an addition to or a replacement of, in whole or in part, some current section of the Faculty Handbook.

Current:

II.C. Academic Freedom: ...

II.D. Professional Conduct: ...

Proposed Revision/Addition:

II.C. Academic Freedom...

II.D. Freedom of Expression: As a core value, the University is committed to the development of empowered, informed, and responsible learners. Free exchange of ideas is essential to this development. Faculty are responsible collectively for providing a learning environment that fosters this exchange and exposes students to varied points of view.

To that end, faculty are strongly encouraged to adopt the foundational policies developed by the University of Chicago which provide guidance on the role of an institution of higher learning and serve as a model for campus freedom of expression. [Chicago Principles](#)

II.E. Professional Conduct: ...

Rationale for Revision/Addition: This revision is proposed to memorialize WKU's commitment to freedom of expression and to reference model policies and principles for faculty.