



# Operating Protocol & Procedure

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## Purpose:

To define academic freedom and faculty responsibility at Pueblo Community College as it pertains to the mission, vision, values and strategic imperatives of the college.

## Applicability:

PCC individuals with a teaching assignment

## Definitions:

**Academic Freedom:** the absence of constraint or coercion of choosing what one will teach (within the constraints of official course descriptions and official course syllabi) investigate, study, or present in all fields of learning.

## References:

SBCCOE Board Policy 3-20 (BP 3-20): [Due Process for Faculty](#)

Colorado Revised Statutes: [C.R.S. 23-5-117](#)

## Attachments:

N/A

## Operating Protocol:

Pueblo Community College embraces academic freedom and is committed to allowing freedom of expression and the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning within the constraints of official course descriptions and official course syllabi.

Faculty members and all others who exercise teaching responsibilities should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but should at all times exercise appropriate restraint, show respect of the opinion of

others, and make every effort to be accurate. The individual should make every effort to indicate that they are not an institutional spokesperson.

**Procedure:**

Procedures for academic freedom and faculty due process are located in BP 3-20.