

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Policy and Procedures Manual

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Policy 311: CSUS Board Academic Freedom Policy

Board Policy:

Board Policy recognizes the value and relationship of academic freedom to the quality, responsiveness, and continuous improvement of an institution of higher education, the fulfillment of institutional mission, and, ultimately, the maintenance of an open and free society. In addition, the Board has endorsed the principles of shared governance as a means to the maintenance of campus environments supportive of teaching, learning, research and creative activity, and service. To function effectively and efficiently, shared governance requires free and open exchange in the discussion, debate, criticism, and challenging of current and proposed campus policies and procedures.

In furtherance of this commitment, the Board has approved policies and procedures concerning academic freedom and shared governance as incorporated into the Faculty and Student Handbooks on the CSUS campuses, and retains the authority for final approval of any revisions to those policies and procedures. The Presidents have the authority and responsibility to implement those policies and procedures on their respective campuses, as appropriate.

Procedures:

1. Presidents submit proposed revisions to campus academic freedom and shared governance policies and procedures, after consultation with faculty through shared governance processes, to the Academic Affairs Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.
2. Upon Board approval, Presidents promulgate approved revisions in the campus Faculty and Student Handbooks.