

## **ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**Section 1.** CSN is operated for the common good of the greater community it serves. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is the right of scholars in institutions of higher education freely to study, discuss, investigate, teach, and publish. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and scholarly/creative work. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. It carries with it responsibilities correlative with rights.

**Section 2.** This Agreement incorporates the current Academic Freedom Policy adopted by the American Association of University Professors (The American Association of University Professors 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure).

**Section 3.** Both the protection of academic freedom and the requirements of academic responsibility apply not only to the full-time probationary and the tenured teacher, but also to all others, such as part-time faculty and teaching assistants, who exercise teaching responsibilities.

**Section 4.** The concept of academic freedom is accompanied by the equally demanding concept of academic responsibility. A member of the faculty is responsible for the maintenance of appropriate standards of scholarship and instruction. As a teacher/faculty, he or she is entitled to teach within his/her special competence in accordance with his/her informed opinions and convictions. In return for these guarantees, the scholar and the teacher owe unlimited allegiance to the pursuit of truth and understanding.