

## **ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

The Contra Costa Community College District affirms its belief in the academic freedom of faculty, management and students to teach, study, conduct research, write and challenge viewpoints without undue restriction.

Members of the college faculty are citizens, members of a learned profession and representatives of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As persons of learning with institutional affiliations, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and institution by their statements. Hence, they should at all times be accurate, exercise appropriate restraint, show respect for the opinion of others, and make every effort to indicate that they are not expressing their institution's views.