

ARTICLE 6

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

- 6.1 The University of Alaska and United Academics agree that academic freedom is essential to the mission of the University and that providing an environment of free and honest inquiry is essential to its functioning. ~~Nothing~~ contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or abridge any individual's right to free speech or to infringe upon the academic freedom of any member of the University community.
- 6.2 Academic freedom is accompanied by the corresponding responsibility to provide objective and skillful exposition of one's subject, to at all times be accurate, to exercise appropriate restraint, to show respect for the opinions of others, and to indicate when appropriate that one is an institutional representative.
- 6.3 The University of Alaska and United Academics endorse the “1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure with 1970 Interpretive Comments,” issued by the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges, and the 1999 statement “On Collegiality As a Criterion for Faculty Evaluation,” issued by the American Association of University Professors. The endorsement of these documents shall be understood as informing the parties' understanding of these important issues.
- 6.4 The University of Alaska and United Academics agree that all members of the academic community have an obligation to maintain accepted standards of civility and professionalism, such as disclosing potential conflicts of interest as outlined in BOR policy 04.10.