

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
DECEMBER 8, 2009  
REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

RESOLUTION for COLLEGE POLICY on ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Whereas, there is a history of affirming the right of Academic Freedom both at QCC and in CUNY, and  
whereas, there have been recent court decisions making the existence of such a right as a legal right less obvious,  
Therefore, be it resolved that:

QCC does affirm as a College Policy that the Academic Freedom for its faculty will be respected and observed and enforced, and that Academic Freedom includes

the freedom to discuss all relevant matters in the classroom, to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression, and to speak or write without institutional discipline or restraint on matters of public concern as well as on matters related to professional duties and the functioning of the University, and includes

the freedom to address the larger community with regard to any matter of social, political, economic, or other interest, without institutional discipline or restraint, save in response to fundamental violations of professional ethics or statements that suggest disciplinary incompetence.

Academic responsibility implies the faithful performance of professional duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that when one is speaking on matters of public interest, one is not speaking for the institution.