

# Academic Senate – APPROVED October 1, 2020

## AP 4030 Academic Freedom

### References:

Title 5 Section 51023; Accreditation Standard II.A.7

It is agreed that it shall be the policy of the College to maintain and encourage freedom for its faculty, within the law, of inquiry, teaching and research, and the pursuit of knowledge. No evaluation shall be made of any professor based on the exercise of these freedoms. In the exercise of this right, the professor may discuss his/her subject or area of competence in the classroom, as well as other relevant matters, including controversial materials, so long as he/she distinguishes between personal opinions and what is contemporarily regarded as factual information by leading academicians in the discipline being discussed.

The professor shall use no materials in any teaching assignment nor make any speech in order to incite students or others to unlawful acts or to create a clear and present danger to the students and/or the College and/or the community.

It is further agreed that nothing in this section shall be regarded as inconsistent with the philosophy and policy of the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees as established in Board Policy 4030 titled Academic Freedom adopted on September 11, 2001, which sections shall not be changed except by mutual consent between the Board and the Association. Furthermore, it is agreed that nothing in this section shall relieve any professor of his/her obligations to fulfill his/her responsibility as set by the Victor Valley College Faculty Association contract.