



MERITUS SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Statement on Academic Freedom

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Policy & Procedure Statement

The Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine is committed to the pursuit of truth and to its transmission. The integrity of this institution as an institution of higher learning requires proper autonomy and freedom in academics. This includes the freedom to examine data, to question assumptions, to be guided by evidence, to be a learner, and to be a scholar. Such freedom implies that any faculty member whose teaching is questioned should be subject to the judgment of one's peers only in accordance with the accepted rules of academic due process. It also implies the active, defined and recognized role of the faculty in those policy-making decisions which affect the educational program.

The obligation of the faculty is to distinguish in their teaching between personal and partisan opinion and convictions grounded in sources and methods appropriate to their respective disciplines. The faculty member should, to the best of their ability, present materials in a manner that respects the cultures and sensitivities of the students. The obligation of the student is to be a responsible participant in the academic activities of the institution.

MSOM has a strong commitment to academic freedom, intellectual freedom, freedom of expression, and respect for intellectual property rights and to protects these freedoms and rights for all faculty, staff, and students.

This statement will appear on the MSOM Website and be published in both the MSOM Catalog and the MSOM Faculty Handbook.