402.01 Academic Freedom

It is the policy of Sauk Valley Community College to maintain and encourage an atmosphere of freedom in teaching commensurate with the responsibility which each instructor must assume. The College believes that creative scholarship can thrive only in an atmosphere where there is freedom for examination of ideas. Such freedom includes the right to investigate problems, and to evaluate and question accepted theories. It carries with it the responsibility to offer alternative solutions in an unbiased manner and to develop in students the habit of independent investigation.

The protection of the prerogative of academic freedom requires a conscientious, responsible staff. Professional staff members should uphold the dignity of the College in all their activities; set an example of integrity, tolerance and decency for their students; and maintain high standards of scholarship and personal conduct.