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POLICY ON SUPPORTING ACADEMIC FREEDOM

(freedom to choose of research topic and to speak and teach publicly about the area of their research)

1. Purpose

Academic freedom is central to the mission of Tashkent State Agrarian University (hereinafter, TSAU). Knowledge cannot be advanced unless faculty and librarians have freedom to study and communicate ideas and facts, including those that are inconvenient to political groups or authorities, without fear of recrimination.

2. Rationale

Cases involving alleged impairment of academic freedom will be referred to the appropriate campus Scientific Board of Review and addressed according to its established procedure.

3. Scope

All academic appointees with teaching, research, or librarianship responsibilities, including visiting, adjunct, acting and part-time faculty.

4. Policy

- 4.1. Academic freedom, accompanied by responsibility, attaches to all aspects of a teacher's professional conduct. The teacher will have full freedom of instruction, subject to adequate fulfillment of other academic duties. No limitation will be placed upon the teacher's freedom of exposition of the subject in the classroom or on the expression of it outside. The teacher should not subject students to discussion in the classroom of topics irrelevant to the content of the course.
- 4.2. Academic freedom, accompanied by responsibility, attaches to all aspects of a librarian's professional conduct. No censorship will be imposed on the librarian's freedom to select and make available any materials supporting the teaching, research, and general learning functions of the academic community.

- 4.3. Academic freedom, accompanied by responsibility, attaches to all aspects of a researcher's professional conduct. The researcher will have full freedom of investigation, subject to adequate fulfillment of other academic duties. No limitation will be placed upon the subject matter of the research, its publication and dissemination, or the expression of it outside TSAU.
- 4.4. Academic freedom includes the freedom to express views on matters having to do with TSAU and its policies, and on issues of public interest generally. When faculty write or speak as citizens, they should avoid appearing to be speaking for the university. They should recognize that a professional position in the community involves the obligation to be accurate, to exercise appropriate restraint, and to show respect for the right of others to express their views.
- 4.5. This policy does not override promotion and tenure guidelines, nor other university policies concerning academic ethics and misconduct.

5. Entry into force



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6. Review date

Review foreseen every **five** years on

16/06/2025 Date