

 <b>CSN Policy</b>	<b>Academic Freedom Policy</b>
<b>Policy Category: Faculty</b>	<b>Effective Date: April 6, 2006</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOST RECENT CHANGES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Version #2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reformatted according to GEN 1.2</li> <li>2. Updated terminology</li> </ol>	

**I. POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear statement of the position of CSN with regard to Academic Freedom.

**II. POLICY STATEMENT**

- A. CSN is operated for the common good of the greater community it serves. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is the right of scholars in institutions of higher education freely to study, discuss, investigate, teach, and publish. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and scholarly/creative work. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. It carries with it responsibilities correlative with rights.
- B. CSN adheres to the current Academic Freedom Policy adopted by American Association of University Professors. (referenced in Section IV below)
- C. Both the protection of academic freedom and the requirements of academic responsibility apply not only to the full-time probationary and the tenured teacher, but also to all others, such as part- time faculty and teaching assistants, who exercise teaching responsibilities.

**III. PROCEDURE**

N/A.

**IV. AUTHORITY AND CROSS REFERENCE LINKS**

American Association of University Professors 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure: <http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/pubsres/policydocs/contents/1940statement.htm>

NSHE Code, Chapter 2:  
<http://system.nevada.edu/tasks/sites/Nshe/assets/File/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/T2-CH02%20-%20Academic%20Freedom%20and%20Responsibility.pdf>

**V. DISCLAIMER**

The President has the discretion to suspend or rescind all or any part of this policy or related procedure(s). The President shall notify appropriate CSN personnel, including the Administrative Code Officer and Faculty Senate Chair, of the suspension or rescission.

Questions about this policy should be referred to the CSN Administrative Code Officer ([general.counsel@csn.edu](mailto:general.counsel@csn.edu), 702.651.7488) and/or the Faculty Senate Chair ([office.facultysenate@csn.edu](mailto:office.facultysenate@csn.edu), 702.651.7330).

**VI. SIGNATURES**Recommended by:

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Faculty Senate Chair

10/22/12  
Date

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency:

/s/ Richard L. Hinckley  
General Counsel

10/24/12  
Date

Approved by:

/s/ Michael D. Richards  
CSN President

11/1/12  
Date

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

A. History

**ATTACHMENT A  
History**

## Version 2:

- 11/01/2012: Approved by CSN President Mike Richards
- 10/24/2012: Reviewed by General Counsel
- 10/11/2012: Recommended by Senate Executive Committee (C. Milne)
- 10/12/2012: Revision Submitted by Policy Review Committee (J. Matovina)
  - Reformatted according to GEN 1.2
  - Updated terminology

## Version 1:

- 04/06/2006 Approved by CSN President Richard Carpenter
- 04/06/2006 Recommended by Faculty Senate (D. Divine)