Intellectual Freedom Policy

1. PURPOSE
To recognise and protect intellectual freedom as integral to the proper conduct of teaching, research and other scholarly activity at the University.

2. POLICY STATEMENT
2.1. The University will recognise and protect the right of all staff and students at the University to freely and honestly engage in critical enquiry, scholarly endeavour and public discourse, and to participate in public debate without censorship or fear of professional disadvantage or penalty.
2.2. Except where expressly authorised, staff and students will not represent their views as being the views of the University.
2.3. The University does not extend the right of intellectual freedom as a means to harass, defame, vilify or intimidate.
2.4. In exercising their right to intellectual freedom, staff and students should be mindful of their responsibilities (see Compliance Procedures) and the University's values.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION, COMPLIANCE MONITORING, MEASURING AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT
The Head of School/Area is responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure:
   (a) the implementation and compliance monitoring of this policy in their work area; and
   (b) that any breaches of this policy are dealt with in a timely manner through the University's complaints processes.

4. SCOPE OF POLICY
This policy applies to all members of the University community (which includes Council members, students, staff, University Associates, Curtin controlled entities, and all persons participating in University business or activities, including whether as a visitor, adjunct appointee, service provider, contractor or volunteer).

5. DEFINITIONS
(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the Curtin Common Definitions. Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

   Intellectual freedom
   The freedom to engage in scholarly inquiry and public discourse without censorship or fear of professional disadvantage or penalty.

6. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES
Nil

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS
   Code of Conduct
   Media Procedures
   Compliance Procedures
   Complaints Procedures
   Conflict of Interest Procedures
   Values and Signature Behaviours
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