

BENNETT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
FACULTY BYLAWS

Statement of Academic Freedom

Bennett College for Women adheres to the principles of academic freedom as articulated by the American Association of University Professors. For faculty members the principal elements of academic freedom include:

- The right as teachers, to discuss in the classroom any material which has a significant relationship to the subject matter as defined in the course syllabus
- The right to determine course content, grading (in keeping with the College's grading scale), and classroom procedures in the courses they teach
- The right to conduct research and engage in creative endeavors
- The right to publish or present research findings and creative works
- The right to engage in public service activities
- The right to seek changes in institutional policy and procedure through established College procedures and/or by lawful and peaceful means
- The right to initiate or propose changes in College procedures.

ARTICLE ONE—COMPOSITION

- 1.1 The faculty of the College shall consist of persons holding full-time academic appointments as professor, association professor, assistant professor, instructor or lecturer.
- 1.2 Voting privileges are for full-time Faculty who do not hold administrative positions above the rank of Division Chair and are equal to: one person- one vote.

ARTICLE TWO—FUNCTIONS

- 2.1 The role of the Faculty in the governance process is to ensure and maintain the academic integrity of the College, enhance the intellectual life of the institution, and promote the interest of the Faculty as related to College operations. Under the authority of the Board of Trustees and the President, and in collaboration with administration: the Faculty recommends academic policies of the College; establishes standards of admission; establishes requirements for degrees; approves the courses of instruction offered by the various departments; and administers the curriculum. The Faculty shall have general charge of all aspects of the College related to instruction and learning in consort with the Academic Council. The Faculty shall make rules for its organization and conduct of business and may organize committees for the proper discharge of its responsibilities.