



SCHOOL *of* MASSAGE

STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Arbor Institute School of Massage, as an institution of higher education, serves the common good which depends upon an uninhibited search for truth and its open expression. The points enumerated below constitute the Institute's position on academic freedom:

- Faculty members are appointed to impart to their students and to their communities the truth as they see it in their respective disciplines. The teacher's right to teach preserves the student's right to learn.
- The mastery of a subject makes a faculty member a qualified authority in that discipline and competent to choose how to present its information and conclusions to students. The following are among the freedoms and responsibilities which should reside primarily with the faculty and administration: shared participation in planning and revising curricula, selecting supplemental readings, selecting classroom films and other teaching materials.
- Faculty members are citizens and, therefore, possess the rights of citizens. These rights include, among others, the right as private citizens to speak freely outside the classroom on matters of public concern and to participate in lawful political activities.
- Prior restraint or sanctions should not be imposed upon faculty members in the exercise of their rights as citizens or duties as teachers. Nor should faculty members fear reprisals for exercising their civic rights and academic freedom.
- Faculty members have a right to expect the Board of Advisors and President to uphold vigorously the principles of academic freedom and to protect them from harassment, censorship, or interference from outside groups and individuals.
- Academic freedom should not be used to infringe on student rights or abilities.
- Individual faculty members will be responsible for choosing instructional methodologies, assigning grades, and maintaining classroom discipline in conjunction with the Office of the President.