Einstein Policy Related to Academic Freedom

Purpose

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Einstein), as a Professional school of higher learning, respects the concept of academic freedom for its faculty.

Policy

Einstein recognizes the importance of academic freedom for its faculty. As a matter of policy, it accepts and subscribes to the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom of the Association of University Professors with the 1970 Interpretive Comments. These principles are stated below:

*Academic Freedom*

1. Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.

2. Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of the appointment.

3. College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.

Scope

This policy was discussed and approved by the faculty-student senate of Einstein on September 06, 2017 and is managed by the Office of the Dean. All faculty employed by Einstein are affected by the policy.

Effective Date

September 07, 2017

Policy Management and Responsibilities

The Responsible Office under this policy is the Office of the Dean, and the Executive Dean is the Responsible Executive. The Responsible Officers are the Associate and Assistant Deans.
designated by the Executive Dean to be responsible for administering, implementing and enforcing the policy.

Approved

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