

**Polk State College**  
**District Board of Trustees Rule**

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Rule Making Authority</b>	<b>Statutory Reference</b>	<b>SBE Rule Reference</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
2.28	Academic Freedom	FS 1001.64	FS 1001.64		5/18/2020

The District Board of Trustees respects the right of faculty members to teach, investigate, and publish within the broad scope of their professional duties and responsibilities; however, the Board also recognizes that these rights should not interfere with the overriding obligation of Polk State College to offer its students a sound education. Therefore, in matters of academic freedom, the District Board of Trustees has adopted the *American Association of University Professors (AAUP) 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom* including the *1970 Interpretive Comments* (as updated in 1989 and 1990), and the *AAUP 1997 Statement on Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications* (as updated in 2004 and 2013). These statements are available at the AAUP site: [www.aaup.org](http://www.aaup.org).

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