

**Resolution in Support of AS-3197-14 - The Need for a Comprehensive
California State University Policy on Academic Freedom**
(Approved by CSUN Faculty Senate, April 2, 2015)

Whereas the last formal statement on academic freedom for the California State University was formulated in 1971, and

Whereas the 1971 statement, which reads

“a. The teacher is entitled to full freedom in teaching and in the publication of the results, subject to adequate performance of other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.

b. The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing any subject, but he should be careful not to introduce into his teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his subject.”

is outdated, limited in scope, and addresses neither the complex nature of academic freedom nor the challenges inherent in the practice of academic freedom; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of California State University Northridge endorse AS-3197-14 The Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom which was passed by the Academic Senate California State University on January 23, 2015¹; and be it finally

Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor White, the Academic Senate CSU, President Harrison, and each CSU Campus Academic Senate.

¹ <http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2014-2015/documents/3197.shtml>