STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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The University expects that administrators, faculty and students will help to maintain on the campus a climate of reasoned discourse in which disputed issues are discussed freely and critically. By accepting membership in the University, an individual joins a community committed to free inquiry, intellectual honesty, respect for the dignity of others, and openness to constructive change. The rights and responsibilities exercised within this community must be compatible with these qualities. Members of the faculty, student body, and administration also have the responsibility to insist on the highest standards of integrity in the conduct of academic affairs. The integrity of the academic community is based upon the willing consent given by its members to the standards which guide its conduct. The University affirms the right of its members to organize and join political associations, to convene and conduct public meetings, to demonstrate publicly and picket in orderly fashion, and to advocate and publicize opinion by print, sign, and voice, as long as such activity does not violate public law. In return, it seeks from members of the community an affirmation of their continuing concern for the interests of the University as a whole. (UHCL, 1980)