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The Interim Student Conduct Code has been updated to comply with NWCCU Standard 2.B1. “Within the context of its mission and values, the institution adheres to the principles of academic freedom and independence that protect its constituencies from inappropriate internal and external influences, pressures, and harassment.” In response to our Year Six Review NWCCU found that, “Sufficient evidence of student academic freedom was not supplied.”

The updated language is live at the following link under Article IV: Proscribed Academic Conduct:

<https://www.umt.edu/campus-life/community-standards/#:~:text=Residence%20Halls%20or%20Community%20Standards,at%20406-243-2611>

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The University of Montana has had a long tradition of, and a deep commitment to, academic freedom. The welfare and strength of the University and of society at large depends upon the free search for truth and its free expression. To this end the University of Montana shall recognize and protect full freedom of inquiry, research, discussion, study, publication, and, for artists, the creation and exhibition of works of art, without hindrance, restriction, equivocation, and/or reprisal. This right extends to other facets of campus life to include the right of students to speak on general educational questions or about the administration and operation of the University of Montana and Montana University System.

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The concept of academic freedom must be accompanied by an equally demanding concept of academic responsibility. Students are responsible to abide by and fulfill the Academic Policies and Procedures, Degree/Certificate Requirements for Graduation, and General Education Requirements published in the University of Montana Catalog.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic misconduct is subject to Academic sanction (or penalties) by the course instructor and/or University Sanction(s) by the University through the Provost and Vice

Provost for Academic Affairs. Academic misconduct is defined as all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism: Representing words, ideas, data, or materials of another person as one's own, the student's own previous work as if it were the student's own original work, or content derived directly from a generative artificial intelligence tool as if it were the student's own original work.

This language was adapted from our current definition of Academic Freedom for faculty.

In addition, the definition of plagiarism was updated to address generative artificial intelligence. The full Student Conduct Code is under revision. This Interim Code will be in effect until the full code has been adopted through the shared governance process.

Please refer to the linked Interim Student Code of Conduct for a more comprehensive list and understanding of what constitutes a conduct violation.

-Office of the Provost