

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND FACULTY RIGHTS 2023-2024

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# POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SCAFFR

- Investigates issues of academic freedom at the university
- Reviews, determines merit, and advises in response to grievances brought by members of the University academic community
- Hears academic freedom matters referred by the president of the university or the Consolidated Hearing Committee
- Oversees Policy 6-316: Code of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities
- Submits annual report to the Academic Senate

# SUMMARY OF SCAFFR ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

The SCAFFR has convened twice (to date) this academic year; at least one more meeting is planned to address matters currently under review.

The matters addressed by the committee this year have included:

- Review and feedback regarding revisions to Policy 6-316 proposed by the Office for Faculty (Fall 2023). Report submitted November 2023.

- Review and feedback regarding definitions proposed by SACAP and Senate officers, respectively, of academic freedom and tenure for potential posting to Senate website (April 2024). **Report pending.**
- Review of two academic freedom and faculty rights complaints (April 2024). **Review currently underway.**