



Statement of Principles

Missouri Southern State University has an obligation to its students and to the larger society of which it is a part to provide the fullest opportunity for a free exchange and critical evaluation of diverse viewpoints. This means freedom to teach, freedom to learn, freedom to discuss and freedom to expose ideas to the critical analysis appropriate to the University setting. In order to accomplish this objective, the administration, faculty and students have a continuing responsibility for preserving the use of the institution's freedom to teach, to discuss and to explore.

The University's dedication to the spirit of free inquiry requires the examination and evaluation of controversial viewpoints, but obviously does not require the endorsement of such viewpoints. Divergent points of view must be recognized, but at the same time kept within a framework of orderly conduct in accordance with human dignity, respect for the individual and the responsibilities of the University.