

**Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee Report
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Activities of the Committee

- In consultation with the CIO, Brice Bible and his staff, the Committee is reviewing existing and proposed IT policies and when appropriate, making suggestions for modifications in the following areas:
 - Email
 - Information security
 - Information privacy
 - E-discovery

- The Committee has discussed at length issues concerning official and non-University external speech. We continue to collect, review, and discuss University policy statements on the subject of freedom of expression, some of which are very old and located in several different places often making retrieval of them difficult. We have examined several policies on freedom of expression at other universities in an effort towards either re-affirming the old policies or making suggestions to improve and/or consolidate them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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