

Troy University
Freedom of Speech Annual Report
August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023

- 1) The date and description of each violation of the policy adopted pursuant to this act.

Troy University had no violations of the policy during the previous year.

- 2) A description of the administrative handling and discipline relating to each violation described.

Not applicable with no violations.

- 3) A description of substantial difficulties, controversies, or successes in maintaining a posture of administrative and institutional neutrality.

There have been no difficulties or controversies. The successes include the close working relationship the students have with the administration and share with the administration any events planned and any concerns the student leadership may have with an event while respecting one's freedom of speech. There is a direct line of communication between our campus student leaders and our administration.

The university received an inquiry from FIRE "*requesting information and clarification regarding the University's commitment to academic freedom*" after internal emails regarding a former professor's comments at an event co-hosted by Manley Johnson Center for Political Economy became public.

The matter was investigated and no wrongdoing or violations were found.

Attorneys for the University sent FIRE a response which reiterated the University's support of Academic Freedom. FIRE was satisfied and the matter, as far as Troy University is concerned, was resolved.

- 4) Any assessments, criticism, commendations, or recommendations the board of trustees sees fit to include.

The University has had several events of on campus promoting freedom of speech to include:

- **United Nations International Peace Day and Walk from the Main Quad to the International Arts Center. (included all international students and members of the general student body, members of the faculty, staff and administration also participated. This event occurred on September 22, 2022.**
- **Annual bible distribution by the Gideons. Event was held on October 2, 2022.**

No criticisms and recommendations for these activities.