

Academic freedom

Institutions of higher education, including St. Mary's College of Maryland, exist for the common good. The common good depends on the free search for truth and its free expression. It requires that those who conduct this search and impart their results and insights to others be free from interference or censorship and that they have a reasonable measure of economic security. It also requires that these persons act with proper sincerity and responsibility. With these concepts in mind, the Board of Trustees establishes the following policies for the employment of faculty members.

Faculty members at St. Mary's College of Maryland are entitled to full freedom in the classroom, laboratory, or studio in presenting and discussing their subject. They are also members of their nation, state, and community, and when they speak, write, or act as such they are free from institutional censorship or discipline.

All faculty members are free to pursue their scholarly, creative, or artistic activities without restriction, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties, and they are free to voice, present, and publish their conclusions.