



Faculty Senate

REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC FREEDOM PORTAL
Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom Committee (PEAF)

The Faculty Senate opened an online portal for faculty to express any concerns or perceptions that may limit their academic freedom on February 26, 2024:

As of April 1, the portal received six anonymous responses. All of them refer to the Israel-Hamas conflict and indicate that faculty are not confident enough to teach about this topic because they do not feel that the University will back them up in case of complaints. Furthermore, some express fear of reprisal from the administration itself for bringing up issues such as Zionist militarism, the genocide of Palestinians, or if they exercise their freedom to criticize Israel's actions in relation to this conflict.

In its meeting, the PEAFF committee expressed serious concerns about these issues, but there was no consensus regarding proposals or actions at this time beyond issuing this report to the Faculty Senate.