

A Test for Faculty

Words are insufficient to grasp what [Mr. Nelson](#) is trying to convey in his recent CHE editorial “The AAUP: A View From the Top.” Don't simply think you understand our freedoms from an academic or metaphysical perspective. Here's a practical, political test of your freedoms, and a real learning opportunity, to be taken at the local level. Consider, for example, speaking out about thoroughly documented misrepresentations in your university's/college's accreditation documents. You will clearly understand what your fellow faculty and college/university administrators, and organizations like the AAUP or ACLU, mean by words stated in their handbooks or other public pronouncements, like free exchange of ideas, shared governance, academic freedom, integrity, etc.

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