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1.0 Policy Statement

As academic freedom and free intellectual enquiry and expression are the cornerstone of critical enquiry, Investment Banking Institute Business School Pty Ltd (“IBIBS”) is committed to the promotion of these interlinking concepts. This commitment also reflects the requirements of Provider Registration Standard 4.2.

The overarching statement of this commitment lies within s.1.6(a) of IBIBS’s Constitution which states that IBIBS is committed to support free intellectual enquiry in all its academic endeavours. To operationalise this commitment, two of the key functions of the Academic Board, as espoused in its terms of reference, is to “ensure academic integrity” and “facilitate free intellectual enquiry”.

IBIBS expects its academic staff to exhibit a strong commitment to scholarship and the professional expectations of their academic disciplines. The pursuit of knowledge through intellectual inquiry is highly valued as a mark of institutional excellence.

Academic freedom and its related responsibilities as recognised and practised by IBIBS have their fundamental basis in the culture commonly found in Australian universities and other higher education providers. Specifically, academic staff and students are entitled to full freedom in any scholarly activity they pursue. Furthermore, academic staff are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing the unit of study they are delivering, however they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to the unit.

When speaking or writing as private citizens, academic staff are free from institutional censorship or discipline. However, academic staff should keep in mind that as scholars the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Therefore, they should at all times demonstrate academic and scholarly rigour to ensure accuracy, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for IBIBS. Academic staff will refrain from using their academic titles when publicly expressing an opinion on topics outside their area of expertise and/or on contentious issues where personal opinion may deviate from IBIBS’s rules and regulations.

IBIBS will ensure that students and staff have a reasonable expectation that their right to hold values of their own choosing will be respected even when those values are being questioned. Academic freedom carries associated responsibilities to exercise professional care and competence in the conduct of teaching and research, to subject academic work to the critical scrutiny of others, to consider the impact that one’s work may have on others, and not to impinge on the ability of others to engage freely in teaching and learning, research, and academic debate.

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