

FACULTY COMMITMENT TO THE CAROLINIAN CREED

We, the faculty of the University of South Carolina, recognize our special responsibility to honor and exemplify the values and principles expressed in the Carolinian Creed.

We will practice personal and academic integrity;

We will respect the dignity of all persons;

We will respect the rights and property of others

We will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;

We will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development.

Allegiance to these ideals requires us to refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect every individual deserves.

We, the faculty of the University, hold ourselves to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct as teachers, colleagues, and researchers. Specifically,

As Teachers, we commit ourselves to pursuing our classroom and individual mentoring responsibilities conscientiously with high intellectual standards and clear pedagogical goals. We also commit ourselves to dealing fairly and respectfully with all students.

As Colleagues, we commit ourselves to supporting faculty colleagues in their pursuit of excellence in research, teaching, and service and to dealing with all university personnel in a civil and responsible manner. We also recognize that disagreement on issues of importance is inevitable and even welcome in a University environment. We therefore affirm our commitment to academic freedom, even as we pledge ourselves to civil and responsible discourse.

As Researchers and Scholars, we commit ourselves to pursuing our research with rigor guided by the highest ethical and intellectual standards of our disciplines and to presenting the results of our research honestly and accurately. We further commit ourselves to carrying these high professional and personal standards into all work that we might perform outside the university.

Finally, in all our dealings we commit ourselves to respecting the rights and feelings of others; to maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive personal or institutional information; to being good stewards of University resources; and to being active agents for promoting the values inherent in the Carolinian Creed.