

The Student Committee on Undergraduate Education (SCUE) supports the pursuit of academic freedom and open expression, as expressed in the unanimous resolution passed by the Faculty Senate.

SCUE is the academic policy branch of Penn Student Government, focusing on issues affecting undergraduate education and the academic atmosphere at Penn. We hold freedom of expression to be an integral part of any intellectual venture.

In the current campus climate, we have observed repeated challenges to freedom of expression. In order to foster a more inclusive environment, we must refrain from conducting ourselves in a manner that threatens the academic mission of our University.

We are representatives of a diverse, robust student body where no two voices are the same. In order to realize the benefits of this diversity, we must commit to promoting discourse in and out of the classroom.

As enumerated by the Faculty Senate, we affirm that open expression is not, and should not be taken to be, a limitless principle. We join the Faculty Senate in condemning the use of speech to “harass, threaten, or intimidate others in our community.”

Through the research that we are conducting in advance of SCUE’s 2025 White Paper, we are exploring avenues to institutionalize protections for open expression. We remain committed to understanding the nuances that characterize academic exploration at Penn.

SCUE encourages the Penn community to use their voices to uplift those around them and to enrich our academic environment.