Statement of Principles for Members of the College of Education Faculty Assembly

The members of the Florida Atlantic University Faculty Assembly are committed to the principles of collegiality, transparent decision making and the pursuit of excellence. We believe in intellectual autonomy, academic freedom and academic integrity. We recognize that these are key elements in the unfettered pursuit of knowledge. As such the members of the College of Education Faculty Assembly commit to the following guiding principles:

1. We will follow established procedures and policies in carrying out the work of the College of Education.
2. Where internal procedures are not established, we agree to inform all affected parties before decisions or changes are made.
3. We will work cooperatively within a collegial model of governance that supports teaching, research and service.
4. To assure transparency in decision making, we will first share any proposed change within the department where the change originates, then across other academic departments or units.
5. We will respect divergent perspectives and opinions because differences of opinion are crucial to creativity and sound decision-making.
6. In carrying out our professional responsibilities, we agree not to infringe on the rights of others,
7. We are committed to establishing a learning community that contains equity, trust and respect, and that promotes social justice.
8. All professional interaction between faculty and/or students should always be collegial and respectful in tone and demeanor.

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