

**Policy 2.17 Statement regarding Rapp-Coudert Dismissals**

The City University of New York hereby expresses its profound regret at the injustice done to former colleagues on the Faculty and Staff of the University who were dismissed or were forced to resign because of their alleged political associations and beliefs and their unwillingness to testify publicly about them. These dismissals and forced resignations occurred during 1941 and 1942, as a result of investigations carried out by the Rapp-Coudert Committee of the New York State Legislature and related proceedings before the then Board of Trustees. (BTM,1981,10-26,006,\_C)

The University pledges diligently to safeguard the constitutional rights of freedom of expression, freedom of association and open intellectual inquiry of the faculty, staff and students of the University. (BTM,1981,10-26,006,\_C)