Academic Freedom

SUNY Empire State College upholds the State University of New York’s Academic Freedom Policy and the language outlined in the Article 9 of the UUP Contract.

SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TITLE I – ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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