



Higher Education in the US: An Overview

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Four Descriptors of US Higher Education

- Type
 - Students
 - Faculty
 - Funding
- Note: all data come from www.nces.ed.gov



Types of Colleges in US



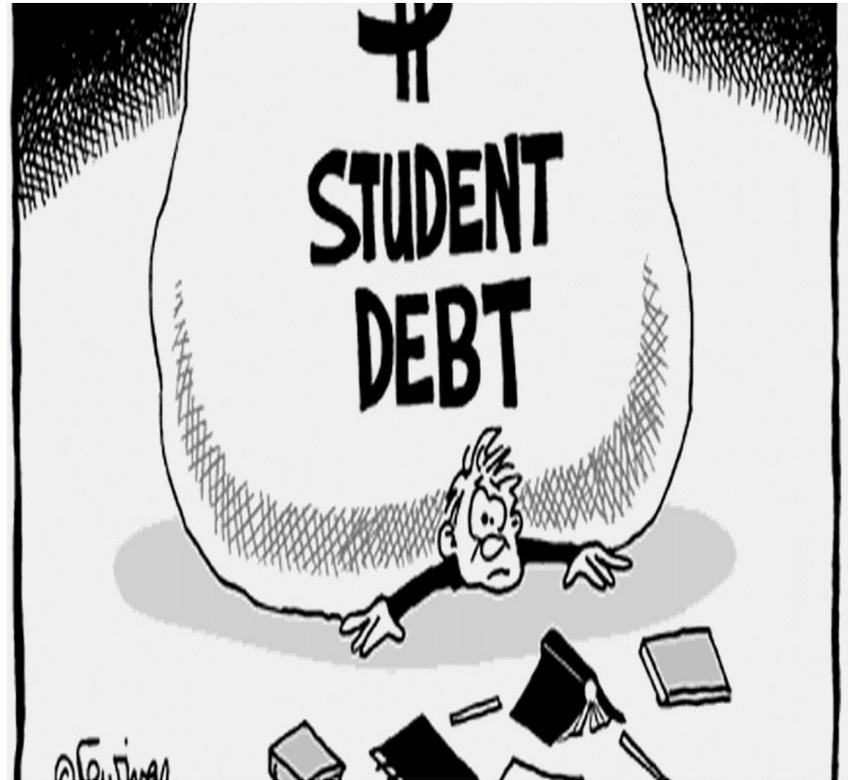
College Students



Faculty



Funding



Four Characteristics of Higher Education in US

- **Shared Governance**
- **Academic Freedom**
- **Tenure**
- **Accountability**



Shared Governance



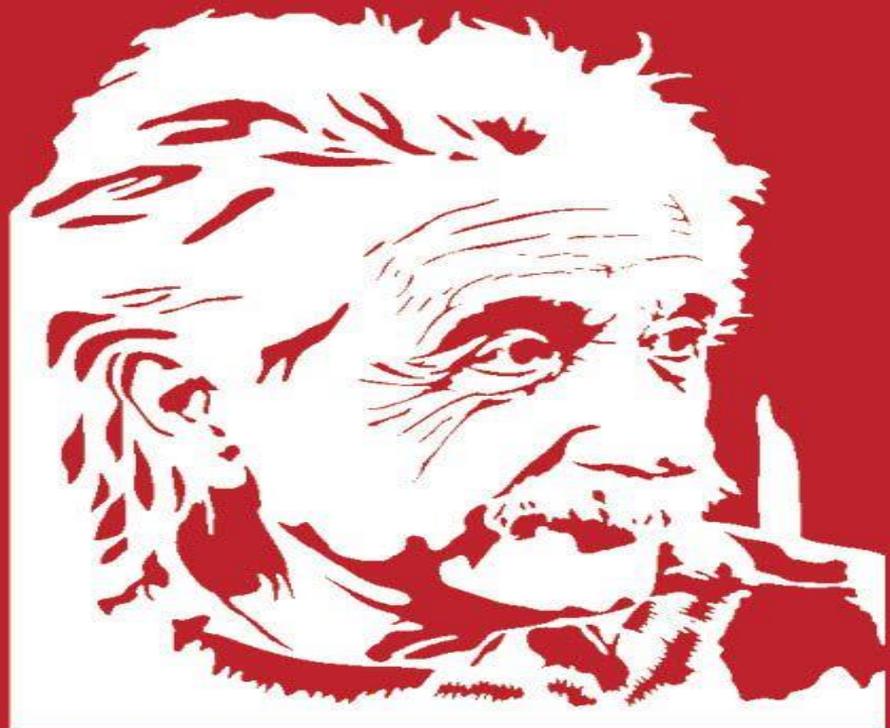
Academic Freedom

“By **academic freedom**

I understand the right
to *search for truth*
and to publish and
TEACH what one holds
to be **TRUE”**



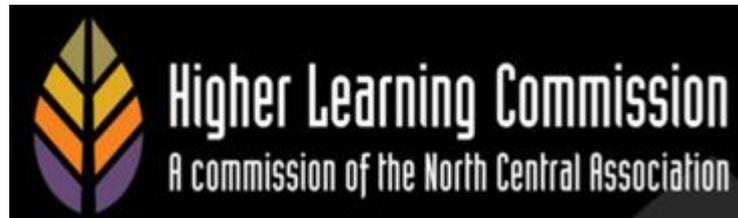
Albert Einstein, union member



Tenure



Accountability



Trends Affecting U.S. Universities

- Academic labor market
- Decline in state funding of higher education
- Increasing tuition
- Concerns about access
- Efficiency
- Outcomes

