

Year of **FREE
SPEECH**

WATCH PARTY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After the conclusion of the kick-off event for the Year of Free Speech, we encourage you to consider these questions to engage colleagues in dialogue about free expression and academic freedom.

1

What does academic freedom mean to you? What does freedom of expression mean to you? Where do they overlap and how are they different?

2

Did today's program change or enhance your understanding of academic freedom and/or freedom of expression? If yes, how?

3

Why are academic freedom and freedom of expression important? In society? Within the university context?

4

If you disagree with a speaker that has been invited to campus, what are examples of non-disruptive ways to protest or otherwise express your disagreement without preventing the speaker from being heard?

5

UC Irvine seeks to champion civic engagement by preparing students to embrace their role as active participants in a democratic society. What are the best ways for universities to encourage that engagement including how to express their viewpoints in respectful and professional ways?