In *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, the United States Supreme Court modified the test for determining whether speech by a public employee receives the protection of the First Amendment. This article attempts to evaluate the impact of Garcetti on higher education law through an analysis of the cases decided to date. The existing case law suggests that Garcetti is likely to have the effect of substantially limiting the First Amendment protection afforded to speech by employees of institutions of public higher education. Furthermore, although Supreme the Court expressly reserved this question, Garcetti may even have the effect of limiting the academic freedom enjoyed by faculty members.