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Office of the General Counsel

POLICY SUMMARY FORM

Policy Name: Guest Speaker

Policy Number: 16.12

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: 4/30/2019

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: Vice President of Student Affairs

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): States rules for invitation and presentations of guest speakers on University property and/or at University-sponsored events

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

Scheduled Review Change in law Response to audit finding

Internal Review Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy:

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Minor updates made for clarification.

Specific rationale for deletion of policy:

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

Student Affairs Policy Review Committee
Hollit Smith, Executive Director of Student Life
Brandon Frye, Vice President of Student Affairs
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Guest Speaker

Original Implementation: July 1980

Last Revision: ~~April 30, 2019~~ April 12, 2022

Application of Policy:

These rules shall govern the invitation and presentation of guest speakers on university property or at university-sponsored events.

Definitions:

The term "University Property" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of and/or owned, used, or controlled by the University (including adjacent streets and sidewalks).

The term "University-sponsored" includes a program or event initiated, aided, authorized, or supervised by a registered student organization, faculty or staff organization.

1. These rules do not apply to:
 - a. regularly scheduled classes offered for academic credit;
 - b. professional conferences sponsored directly by a university department; or
 - c. activities sponsored by non-university entities in rented university facilities.
2. For the purpose of these rules, "guest speaker" means a person invited to speak on university property or at a university-sponsored event who is presently not enrolled as a student or employed by the university. *If the guest speaker is a distinguished guest, the sponsoring organization must adhere to Policy 2.16, Distinguished Guests-*
3. Only registered student *organizations*, faculty or staff organizations, or non-university entities renting university facilities may invite and present guest speakers on university property or at university-sponsored events.
4. The organization sponsoring a guest speaker is responsible for making clear ~~the fact~~ that the organization, not the university, is extending the invitation to speak and that any views or opinions the speaker expresses are those of the speaker and not necessarily those of the university.
- ~~4.5.~~*The organization sponsoring a guest speaker is responsible for the guest speaker's actions.*
- ~~5.6.~~Registered student *organizations*, faculty or staff organizations, and non-university entities may be permitted the use of university facilities to present guest speakers on university property or at university-sponsored events pursuant to the Use of University Facilities policy (16.33). An application for the use of the university facility to be used for the speaker's presentation must be made to the appropriate university official at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time the event is scheduled to take place.
- ~~6.7.~~If a guest speaker is to be paid from university funds as consideration for ~~his/her~~*their* speech:
 - a. The facility in which the speech is to be delivered must be open to the public and the news media.

- b. The sponsoring organization must follow all applicable university procurement procedures.

7.8. The presentation of guest speakers must not:

- a. result in a breach of peace or violation of law;
- b. interfere with the free and unimpeded flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; or
- c. materially disrupt or interfere with the normal activities of the university.

8.9. Guest speakers may not:

- a. present material that is obscene or libelous; or
- b. advocate the deliberate violation of law.

For the purposes of this section, "advocate~~ey~~" means speech directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action that is likely to incite or produce such action, as opposed to the abstract espousal of the moral propriety of a course of action.

Cross Reference: Use of University Facilities (16.33)

Responsible for Implementation: Vice President ~~for University Affairs~~ *of Student Affairs*

Contact for Revision: ~~Dean of Student Affairs~~ *Executive Director of Student Life*

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs