

Guest Speaker

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Purpose

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 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.
5. The organization sponsoring a guest speaker is responsible for the guest speaker’s actions.
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.
7. If a guest speaker is to be paid from university funds as consideration for 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.
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.
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" 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)

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