



2.6.3 Guest Speakers

As part of its effort to help members of the university community make informed and responsible decisions in the political, social, professional and personal aspects of their lives, the university encourages the hosting of guest speakers. University employees and students are encouraged to discuss questions of interest to them and to invite guest speakers of their choosing. The intent of this policy is to provide a broad exposure to a diversity of issues and perspectives, and to ensure that all members of the university community engage those issues and perspectives in a manner consistent with the mission and core values of the university.

This policy governs the invitation of guest speakers to make presentations at the university to which members of the public have been invited. “Guest speakers” and “members of the public” for the purpose of this policy are persons who are not employees or students at the university. This policy does not apply to the invitation of a guest speaker by a faculty member to address students who are enrolled in a class taught by the faculty member. Nor does this policy apply to seminars, workshops, colloquia or other programs conducted by guest speakers where only university employees or students are invited to attend.

Only the university’s administration, academic units, officially registered student organizations, and officially recognized employee organizations may sponsor a guest speaker. External organizations that host events on campus may invite guest speakers to participate in their events under this policy, provided that doing so is included within the external organization’s contractual arrangement with the university.

The sponsorship of a guest speaker does not imply that either the university or the sponsoring organization approves or endorses the views expressed by the guest speaker. The sponsor of the guest speaker may be required to communicate this position to all who are invited to or who attend the speaking engagement.

Advance reservation of university facilities for guest speakers is required. For more information, including reservation information, please contact University Communications, or for sponsorship by registered student organizations, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

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