

GUIDELINES ON SPEAKERS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. Any recognized student organization may invite a member of the College's faculty, staff or student body to speak to the group at any time.
2. Any recognized student organization also may, if it believes that scholarship and knowledge will thereby be furthered, invite outside speakers. These speakers must abide by College Policy 3.14.
3. When considering the invitation of a speaker, the student organization shall act democratically, and with the Faculty or Group Sponsor present.
4. Every Faculty or Group Sponsor is urged to discuss and review his/her responsibilities with the Vice President of Students. These responsibilities include the duty of making clear to the advisees that all rights and privileges, including academic freedom, carry with them corresponding obligations and responsibilities, including academic responsibility.
5. College student organizations formed to encourage study and the pursuit of knowledge will invite discussion of all points of view. Intellectual integrity and academic responsibility require the presentation and study of all sides of any controversial subject. Consequently, when a controversial issue is involved, speakers informed and competent in the subject should be invited, who will present both sides of the issue. Speakers, at the conclusion of their formal presentation, must agree to a question and answering session with the students and faculty.
6. Any meeting with an outside speaker may be presided over by a student, but in such case the Faculty or Group Sponsor or some other experienced Faculty Member chosen by the student organization involved shall be present on the platform. The Sponsor's functions will be to see that the meeting is conducted in orderly fashion and that the speaker, as a guest of the students, is courteously received regardless of the sentiments of any listener.
7. In every case of an invitation to a speaker, there is an obligation on the student group involved to stress publicly that it alone has initiated the procedures, that the speaker and his/her subsidizing organization (if any) bear full responsibility for the views expressed, and that permissive use of College facilities in no way implies College acceptance or endorsement of any views of any student group or speaker.

