

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Guest Speakers

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A. PURPOSE

To establish policy regarding the sponsoring of guest speakers on campus.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. Guest Speakers on Campus

- 1.1. Recognized student organizations and colleges or departments of the institution may invite or sponsor guest speakers on campus, in accordance with applicable Board and Institutional policies. Such policies shall only apply when the organizers of the event seek exclusive control of a campus location for the event, or when they reasonably expect the event to attract an audience of fifty (50) or more people. The policies shall set forth content- and viewpoint-neutral criteria under which the institution shall evaluate any conditions imposed on the event. Routine procedures required by the institution before a guest speaker is invited to appear or an event is scheduled on campus shall, without limitation, be designed to ensure that there is orderly scheduling of facilities, adequate preparation for the event, and assurance that the event shall not substantially disrupt the educational process.
- 1.2. Recognized student organization requests for funding for guest speakers from the general activity fee levied pursuant to Board Policy No. 5:5:4(1)(B) shall be addressed and considered by the institution pursuant to the institutional process established in accordance with BOR Policy 3:18.
- 1.3. Requests for institutional funds, including funds allocated to departments or colleges of the institution, to sponsor guest speakers should be evaluated based on content- and viewpoint neutral criteria. Such criteria may include, but is not limited to, the extent to which the proposed guest speaker:
 - 1.3.1. Adds to the diversity of thought present on campus as a whole;
 - 1.3.2. Allows for questions, discussion and interaction with attendees;
 - 1.3.3. Adds to or otherwise complements inter-department study, collaboration and dialogue;

- 1.3.4. Enhances or complements the research, creative scholarship or curricular offerings of the institution; or
- 1.3.5. Is co-sponsored by another regental institution, state agency or local government.

SOURCE: (RR, 12:02:1, 1977); BOR March 1993; BOR December 2021.