

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
University Policies and Procedures

2100 - GUEST SPEAKERS

Statement: Old Dominion University considers freedom of inquiry and discussion requisite to a student's educational development. This freedom includes the opportunity to explore controversial subject matter and opposing views. It is coupled with the responsibility to conduct such discussions with competence, tolerance, and objectivity.

The campus should be a forum for the free and responsible presentation and discussion of ideas by members of the university community and its invited speakers. The aim should be to provoke thought and to cultivate knowledge within the university community.

The students, faculty, and administration of Old Dominion University should endeavor to bring to the campus competent speakers who are capable of dealing with their topics, and to maintain such balance of both speakers and subject matter as will promote the objectives of Old Dominion University.

Any officially recognized student organization is encouraged to invite speakers of its choice to make presentations on the campus. The organization shall be responsible for the orderly presentation of its program, for the maintenance of a proper academic atmosphere, and for all expenses incident to the meeting. The organization must indicate the type of activity to be held as well as the name of the invited speaker on the form used to request the use of university buildings and grounds. This form shall be approved by the Vice President for Student Services or his/her designated representative.

Visits by candidates for political office or by other speakers requiring special arrangements, e.g. security, publicity, press coverage, etc., must be scheduled at least one week in advance with the Office of the Vice President for Student Services. Such visits should normally have the sponsorship of a recognized student organization.

Any questions with regard to this policy should be addressed to the Vice President for Student Services.

Responsibility: Vice President for Student Services

Authorization: William B. Spong, Jr., President

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