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**SUBJECT: ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF CAMPUS SPEAKERS**

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- I. PURPOSE: To establish policy and standards for speakers on the SUU campus.
  
- II. POLICY: Equally applicable to all are the constitutional protection of freedom of speech and assembly and the basic principle of higher education of free inquiry. Since an academic community is part of our civilized society, rules protecting the rights of all members of the community and providing for an orderly exercise of those rights are appropriate for a university campus.
  - A. To preserve the individuality and traditions of Southern Utah University, detailed rules and criteria for the appearance and performance on campus of speakers, whether sponsored by the institution itself, by organizations of students or faculty, or otherwise related to the institution should be adopted by the President and the Board of Trustees.
  
  - B. To secure appropriate consideration of the critical factors involved, such rules as may be adopted by SUU should recognize the following principles:
    1. All persons on campus, whether administrators, faculty, students, employees, or visitors, are subject to the law. Those who violate the law while on campus are subject to prosecution, as are any other citizens.
  
    2. Establishment of fair and nondiscriminatory procedures for allocation of available facilities and to ensure noninterference with regularly established academic and other institutional functions. However, such routine procedures should not be used as a device for censorship, but for orderly scheduling and adequate preparation.
  
    3. Students and faculty should be free to organize and to participate in voluntary associations of their own choosing, subject to reasonable regulations to ensure that such associations are neither discriminatory in their treatment of other members of the academic community nor operated in a manner which substantially interferes with the rights of others. Such associations should be subject to rules applicable to all members of the institutional community forbidding acts of intimidation or disruption of the institution and other acts made illegal by general law.



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4. The law provides that all members of the institutional community are protected from censorship in their exercise of freedom of speech and assembly and, at the same time, protected from interference with a speaker's presentation of his ideas through acts of disruption. In addition to protection of their own freedom of speech, members of the academic community should be free to invite and hear any person of their own choosing, in accordance with the principles set forth in the preceding paragraphs and consequent institutional procedures. However, in selecting speakers sponsored by the institution itself, recognition should be given to the need for a fair representation of all views in the broad spectrum of thought in our pluralistic society.

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