

# UN-INVITED SPEAKERS FROM OFF CAMPUS

**POLICY NUMBER:** RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

**POLICY TYPE:** ADMINISTRATIVE

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TITLE:** PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**5/17/2011

## **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

In the historical role of a democratic institution of higher learning devoted to the research for truth, the University is dedicated to maintaining on its campus a spirit of free intellectual inquiry and an open exchange of ideas. It promotes vigorous, uninhibited debate and discussion, as well as critical and objective evaluation of divergent points of view. The University expects that various speakers who come to the campus will represent different shades of opinion and that some will express controversial and unpopular views. It is essential to free inquiry and the development of truth that all ideas be freely expressed and freely subjected to critical analysis in the University setting. To this end, the University has re-examined and reaffirms and makes explicit its traditions in this area.

### **Policy on Outside Speakers**

It is the policy of the University to encourage its administration, faculty, staff and students to invite outside speakers to its campus. The appearance of such speakers does not imply approval or disapproval of them or of their views. They are brought to the campus because it is believed that their discussions will further the educational goals of the University. It is also the policy of the University, as limited public forum, to permit outside speakers unaffiliated with the university community, or not sponsored by any individual or recognized group on campus, to make effective use of designated University facilities and property in accordance with the law and governing regulations of the University.

### **I. Applicable Law and Governing Regulations**

The University will act responsibly in permitting outside speakers access to campus and expects its guests to act responsibly in return. The University requires that no laws or governing regulations be violated by the speech or program, including the University's Free Expression Policy. In general, the University requires that meetings, events or demonstrations on its campus at which off-campus speakers appear be orderly and in no way interfere with the proper functioning of the University. Notwithstanding any other University policies to the contrary, outside speakers must observe the following additional regulations:

#### **A. Security**

The University will provide security if it deems that the outside speaker or organization may engender a strong or hostile response. However, the University is not liable for any injury or destruction of personal property the individual or organization may incur as a result of the lack or failure of any security measures.

#### **B. Vehicular Traffic**

Parking is only permitted on the campus in designated areas. Individuals or organizations who wish to park motorized-vehicles on non-designated areas of campus must have prior authorization from the Dean of Students Office and University Police.

C. Removal of Literature

Any individual or organization distributing literature on University property must remove all remaining copies from their designated area before leaving campus. Literature includes, but is not limited to, any printed material, newspaper, magazine, leaflet or other publication intended for distribution to members of the University community.

D. Designated Areas

The Dean of Students Office will designate areas on campus where public speech and distribution of literature will be permitted for outside speakers unaffiliated with the University. All unsponsored speakers and distributors of literature will be assigned a designated area and will not be allowed to change locations without the expressed permission of the University.

**II. Required Registration Process for Unsponsored Outside Speakers**

The protection of freedom of discussion on the campus is a necessary facet of the preservation of the spirit of free inquiry to which the University is dedicated. The conduct of this mission requires an atmosphere of freedom to examine and discuss all ideas, including the novel and sometimes the unpopular. The safety and security of the campus is also of primary concern for the University and is necessary in order to ensure freedom of thought and discussion. To that end, individuals or organizations unaffiliated with Northern Kentucky University, or not sponsored by any individual or recognized group on campus, must complete and submit a Registration and Request Form to the Dean of Students Office at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the requested event, meeting or demonstration on campus. **Completion of the form does not ensure the University will approve the date, time and location requested.** The Dean of Students Office will respond to the requesting individual or organization within three (3) business days of receiving the required form. The University may either confirm the request as submitted, or may notify the requesting individual or organization that, based upon the University’s time, place and manner restrictions and its need to assess and provide appropriate security, the request cannot be approved as submitted. So that a written record of all communication can be maintained, email shall be the preferred form of communication between the University and requestor.

**III. Violation of Policy**

Failure to abide by the terms of this document or other University policies will result in the Dean of Students Office (or designee) or University Police officials directing the violating individual(s) or organization(s) to leave campus. Unregistered individuals or organizations speaking or distributing literature, who come to the attention of the University, will be removed from campus by law enforcement personnel. Such persons will be permitted to return to speak or distribute literature on campus only after complying with the terms of the registration procedure described herein.

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to become familiar with the University’s Free Expression Policy governing time, place and manner of meetings, demonstrations, assemblies, and other activities on campus, and any regulations governing the use of University facilities and property by outside speakers and organizations.

**II. ENTITIES AFFECTED**

Faculty, Staff, Students, and the Community

REVISION HISTORY

REVISION TYPE	MONTH/YEAR APPROVED
New Policy	5/17/2011

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