

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU

Procedure Manual

Title: Guest Speakers in Open Forums

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Responsible Area: Student Services

Responsible Office: Vice President, Student Services/Research

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Academic Freedom Board Policy No. 2.7

Procedural Framework

Free discussion is a right extended to thoughtful citizens. No one has the right to abuse this freedom by advocating the violent overthrow of the government. A free society functions efficiently only if its citizens have the right to discuss, debate and disagree constructively.

An educated citizenry, fully aware of all the evidence, is best able to preserve the valuable heritage of American and democratic institutions. An educated citizenry has an obligation to its community to promote open discussion.

Process

Presentation speakers in open forum, with varying points of view on current issues, shall be sponsored by the Board, Administration, Faculty or students of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District in fulfilling the District's obligation as an institution of higher education.

The Vice President of the area will determine whether the open forum needs to go through the approval process.

- A. In such a forum, any program involving an issue or person deemed to be controversial or extreme will include open discussion following any presentation.
- B. Opposing views will be considered in any discussion, and respected.
- C. Approval of campus speakers is a function of the Superintendent/President. He/she will be responsible for maintaining a balance program of free and open discussion.
 - 1) Requests for approval of speaker must be submitted at least seven working days prior to the event.
 - 2) The proper channels for approval are:
 - a) Students: Associated Student Board, President's Advisory Council, Superintendent/President
 - b) Faculty: Academic Senate, President's Advisory Council, Superintendent/President
 - c) Staff: Senior Administrators, President's Advisory Council, Superintendent/President
 - d) Final recourse and appeal to the Board of Trustees may be made.