

COLLEGE SPEAKERS

It is recognized that invited college speakers can serve to enrich the students' educational experiences and/or the college community's knowledge and understanding of relevant topics pertaining to the colleges' mission, vision, goals, and values. College speakers for the purposes of this policy are defined as speakers invited onto campus that are speaking in an open forum where all, or a majority of all, campus constituents are invited to attend.

This policy does not pertain to any guest speaker invited as part of the curriculum being taught by a faculty member or group of faculty members.

Uninvited speakers are governed by Board Policy (BP) 3900 – *Speech and Advocacy*.

College speakers are subject to District rules and regulations, including regulations adopted making reasonable provisions for time, place, and manner of student expression. Expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous according to current legal standards is prohibited.

At each Board meeting, the Board will be notified about any speakers who have been invited to speak and/or who have spoken at any college for an engagement open to the public since the last Board meeting. The Board agenda item will include the cost of the speaking engagement, if any. Every attempt will be made to ensure the Board is informed in advance of the speaking engagement; however, in rare circumstances this may not be feasible.

Speaking engagement fees and costs shall not be paid until the Board has either ratified or approved the contract in accordance with BP 6340 – *Purchasing, Contracts, and Bids*.

References:

California Education Code, Section 76120