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UNIVERSITY POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Eastern Michigan University to encourage recognized student organizations to invite speakers to campus to address public meetings in the spirit of the free exchange of ideas and to promote the timely discussion of a wide variety of issues. This policy assumes that the views expressed should be stated openly in order to allow for critical evaluation.

Recognized student organizations are encouraged to invite speakers to the campus to address public meetings, subject to the following provisions:

- The speaker(s) must not urge the audience to take action which is prohibited by the rules of the University or which is illegal under federal, state or local law. Advocating or urging the modification of the government of the United States or the State of Michigan, by violence or sabotage, is specifically prohibited. It is the responsibility of the student organization to inform speakers of these prohibitions.
- Any acts that are disruptive to the normal operations of the University including classes and University business or infringe upon the rights of others will not be tolerated.
- Sponsorship must be by a recognized student organization.

Violations of this policy by recognized student organizations may result in termination of recognition status by decision of the President of the University, upon recommendation of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

UNIVERSITY PRACTICE

University procedures are established which govern the reservation of space for student organization events, in accordance with this policy. University procedures are also established which govern the sanctions for violation of this policy.

For the purposes of preserving a record of all such public meetings and in order to coordinate them with other events taking place on the university property, the sponsoring recognized student organization must make all arrangements for reservation of space, including outside space, through the Event Planning Office in McKenny Union and Campus Life. Approved rallies and parades must be scheduled with the Department of Public Safety.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the overall implementation, administration and interpretation of the policy. The Director of Student Judicial Services is responsible for administering the Student Conduct Code as it applies to a violation of this policy.

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The Departments of Public Safety and Legal Affairs are responsible for helping to ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws.

SCOPE OF POLICY COVERAGE:

This policy applies to all student organizations at Eastern Michigan University.

Authority for Creation or Revision

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