

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**  
**University Policies and Procedures**

**2100 - GUEST SPEAKERS**

Statement: Old Dominion University considers freedom of inquiry and discussion requisite to a student's educational development. This freedom includes the opportunity to explore controversial subject matter and opposing views. It is coupled with the responsibility to conduct such discussions with competence, tolerance and objectivity.

The campus should be a forum for the free and responsible presentation and discussion of ideas by members of the university community and its invited speakers. The aim should be to provoke thought and to cultivate knowledge within the university community.

The students, faculty, and administration of Old Dominion University should endeavor to bring to the campus competent speakers who are capable of dealing with their topics, and to maintain such balance of both speakers and subject matter as will promote the objectives of Old Dominion University.

The Office of University Events, on behalf of the University President, is charged with inviting speakers to make presentations on campus. As such, the Office of University Events is responsible for all planning and execution of the event and arrangements for and communication with the chosen speaker.

Any questions with regard to this policy should be addressed to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

**Responsibility:** Vice President for Institutional Advancement

**Authorization:** John R. Broderick, Acting President

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