

Off-Campus Speakers

Northeastern State University recognizes the importance of free expression and the exchange of diverse opinions and views in the intellectual development of our students. The free discussion and presentation of information is available and encouraged, but such inquiry must be conducted in a way which furthers the educational purpose of the institution.

University facilities are not available for exploitation by special interests that may present a clear and present danger to the United States of America, the State of Oklahoma or Northeastern State University or members of the campus.

Organizations recognized by the University may sponsor off-campus speakers. The group must receive the consent of the Campus Sponsor and the Office of Student Affairs, before extending an invitation to an outside speaker and before the event is publicized. The speaker's name and topic **MUST** appear on the facility request form.

Student groups interested in bringing controversial speakers/performers to campus must meet with a student affairs representative to discuss the multiple implications of implementing the event. The sponsoring group will be held responsible for any activity or activities resulting from the event.

The presentation of a speaker does not imply approval or disapproval of the speaker or the speaker's views by the student organization, Northeastern University or the Board of Regents. It must be made clear by the sponsoring organization in all advertising communications that the views expressed are not necessarily those of Northeastern State University or its Board of Regents. (e.g. written materials, event program, radio/TV).

In the case of highly controversial speakers, announcements are to be made at least thirty days prior to appearance so that faculty is afforded the opportunity to discuss associated issues with students. Also, no such speaker shall be presented who will not consent to questioning (not heckling) by students and faculty following their presentation.

Every precaution should be taken to maintain the highest level of excellence and good taste in such matters commensurate with the dignity of an institution of higher education. Additional information can be obtained in the Student Disciplinary Regulations.