

# Brookdale Community College College Policy

## 7.0009 Engagement of Outside Speakers

### I. Title of Policy

Engagement of Outside Speakers

### II. Objective of Policy

To affirm the College's support of the free-flowing, civil exchange of ideas and discussion by individuals engaged to foster an understanding of diverse points of view.

### III. Authority

Board of Trustees Bylaws, 1.3054.

### IV. Policy Statement

**Civility Statement.** *Brookdale Community College is committed to freedom of expression while maintaining a civil and ethical learning environment. We believe that a community composed of people with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and abilities promotes learning and engagement. We are responsible for treating one another with respect and kindness regardless of our differences.*

The College can best serve its community by encouraging the free exchange of ideas and opinions in an open intellectual forum where a broad spectrum of positions and points of view may be freely expressed and broadly debated in a polite, lawful and cultured manner. Values and beliefs are determined as the result of the free exchange of ideas among broadly informed communities. The continued development of globally connected educational institutions may depend upon their quality of flexibility in keeping abreast of changing social, political and economic needs. The objective in all cases shall be that of supporting the philosophy of the College to foster an understanding of diverse points of view.

In support of these beliefs and consistent with the College's Values, the College may engage speakers representative of diverse points of view, to address the College community, internal groups and constituencies and/or community audience, while reserving the right to impose specific conditions in an effort to ensure an orderly and safe environment to attendees.

### V. Responsibility for Implementation

President

Approved: Board of Trustees 9/21/71

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