

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	Effective Date
6Hx21 2.13	Cultural Events	FS 1001.64	FS 1001.64	10/26/09

The District Board of Trustees has adopted the following policy with regard to the scheduling of cultural events at Polk State College.

1. **Policy and Cultural Events Program.**

- A. Polk State College recognizes its responsibility to supplement the regular academic program of the college by sponsoring for the college community as many special programs of cultural and intellectual value as its resources will permit and to encourage and assist college members and groups to sponsor such events involving speakers and performances. The college also recognizes its responsibility to control and allocate the use of its limited facilities and resources to insure that their use is consistent with the purpose for which they are provided, and that applicable safety regulations and proper crowd-control measures are observed and practiced.

- B. Polk State College is open to free discussion and the examination of views and ideas with the conditions consistent with the scholarly nature of an academic community. Therefore, the college permits and encourages bringing to the campus a forum of competent speakers and programs. These programs may be academic or cultural enrichment opportunities which are not normally available to students and the community and which complement the academic program. These events are intended for the student body, other members of the college, and for the general public. An appropriate admissions fee may be set by the President. As resources permit, specific related opportunities will be offered during class hours at no admission fee to students.

- C. Any person sponsored by an officially recognized campus organization is free to speak on campus but this openness or forum does not release speakers and sponsors from accountability to campus and civil authority under existing laws and regulations. Nor does it permit disruption of the college, injury to person or property, obscene behavior, or riot. The appearances of guest speakers does not imply approval or endorsement of the views expressed by the speakers, either by the sponsoring group or the college.

- D. The sponsoring organization shall be responsible for informing speakers that the college campus is not to be used as a platform for the organization of, or the incitement to lawlessness or violence, and for obtaining speaker's agreement not to violate this policy, and to the extent possible, shall prevent the speakers using the event for such purpose if the speaker attempts to do so. Sponsoring organizations are responsible and accountable for the actions of the speakers they sponsor and the violations of college policy by a sponsored speaker may be considered as violations by the sponsoring organization.

History

Formerly Rule 2.15 adopted December 23, 1974; revised October 22, 1984; July 23, 1987; April 25, 1994 and October 26, 2009.

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