
**Kern Community College District
Board Policy
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

BP 4031 Guest Lecturers/Classroom and Campus Visitors

Rely Primarily upon the Advice and Judgment

Note: This policy is unique to Kern CCD.

Persons other than students and staff are allowed to speak on the college campuses in accordance with principles and regulations herein.

The colleges of Kern CCD recognize that discussion of public issues on the campus plays a significant role in promoting the education of its students and in preparing them for intelligent participation in society.

Events or activities utilizing college facilities, personnel, and/or sponsored by recognized student organizations or by others must not be advertised or promoted in such a way as to suggest sponsorship or endorsement by the colleges.

Meetings or events involving off-campus speakers may be held in college facilities with prior approval of the College President. Speakers must be sponsored by staff members of the college, chartered student organizations, or ten (10) or more registered students whose names appear on a petition obtained from an administrator properly designated by the College President.

Special meetings or events which interfere with the physical operations of the campus shall not be authorized.

Whenever deemed appropriate to advance educational objectives, the College President may require any or all of the following:

- The meeting be chaired by a member of the faculty;
- The speaker be subject to questions from the audience;
- The speaker be appropriately balanced in debate with a person of contrary opinions; and/or;
- The request for an off-campus speaker state the subject and/or the exact title of the speech.

An applicant who is denied the use of college facilities, and who contends the denial is based on incorrect or inequitable application of these regulations, may appeal the denial as provided in the college policy on advocacy and free expression.

This policy is not intended to supersede the provisions of the Civic Center Act.

Visitors to college classes may be approved but must not disrupt the classes. Specific procedures shall be developed by each college for classroom visitors.