

CHAPTER 6: Educational Program  
BOARD POLICY NO. 6.38

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San Mateo County Community College District

**Subject:** 6.38 Criteria for Selection of Guest Speakers  
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1. The following criteria shall apply in the selection of guest speakers:
  - a. The selection of speakers shall be consistent with the commitment to provide an educational center for the free exchange of ideas in an atmosphere of mutual respect among participants and audience.
  - b. The faculty hosting the speaker shall work with the appropriate administrative office to meet the logistical needs of the speaker for the duration of the visit.
2. The following guidelines shall apply in the selection of guest speakers. Faculty shall invite speakers who:
  - a. Possess a recognized competence relating to the program or class.
  - b. Are sensitive to the principles of academic freedom, insuring consideration of a variety of viewpoints on any issue.
3. Pursuant to the adopted policy on controversial issues (BP 6.35), the administration, the faculty, or student organizations may sponsor speakers of any informed opinion and/or authoritative information so long as the speaker is governed by District regulations of the Colleges as to (BP 2.31) time, place and manner of public presentations.

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