Chapter 11 of the Laws and Regulations governing
the University of Wisconsin

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Recommendation by the all-University Codification Committee:

That an ad hoc conference committee be created to
deal with any changes in Chapter 11 that may be
voted by the respective unit faculties. This con-
ference committee will have authority to reconcile
any differences that may have developed among the
unit faculties, and report a revised draft for final
action by the all-University Faculty. The ad hoc
conference committee will consist of all members of
the four unit University Committees and the members
of the all-University Codification Committee. The
Chairman of the University Faculty Council will
serve as chairman of the conference committee.
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128  are essential in a community of scholars. As members of such a community,
129  students should be encouraged to develop a capacity for critical judgment
130  and sustained and independent search for truth. Freedom to learn depends
131  upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the
132  campus, and in the larger community.
133 11.02 Scope of Student Freedom. Students have the right, accorded to all per-
134  sons by the Constitution, to freedom of speech, peaceable assembly, peti-
135  tion and association. Students and student organizations may examine
136  and discuss all questions of interest to them, and express opinions
publicly as well as privately. They may support causes by lawful means
which do not disrupt the operations of the University, or of organiza-
tions accorded the use of University facilities.

Policy of the Board of Regents on Student Freedom. The policy of the
Board of Regents is reflected in the following statements:

(1) "The action of the Board of Regents in 1894, 'Whatever may be the
limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we believe that the
Great State University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that con-
tinual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth
can be found', shall be applicable to teaching in the classroom and
to the use of university halls for public addresses, under the con-
trol of the President of the University with appeal to the Regents.'
(May 2, 1922)

(2) "True to its time-honored traditions, the University of Wisconsin
provides a forum for the free exchange of ideas and viewpoints
upon current events and issues." (Statement of President E. B.
Fred, approved by the Regents, March 8, 1952)

(3) "The search for truth is the central duty of the University, but
truth will not be found if the scholar is not free, it will not
be understood if the student is not free, it will not be used if the
citizen is not free. At a time when both truth and freedom are under
attack the University of Wisconsin must seek the one and defend the
other. It must employ with utmost energy the power of truth and
freedom for the benefit of mankind." (December 8, 1956)

(4) "We must continue to guard the University's time-honored freedom of
experimentation and expression--that fearless, democratic process
which is the essence of the ceaseless search for truth. We believe
that the only indoctrination worthy of this institution is in the
values of freedom and free inquiry. For this we need exposure to a
variety of viewpoints, brought together in the University's own
element of freedom's effective power. This is basic in our form of
government and, we believe, its surest safeguard." (March 10, 1961)
(5) "The concept of intellectual freedom is based upon confidence in
man's capacity for growth in comprehending the universe and on faith
in unshackled intelligence. The University is not partisan to any
party or ideology, but it is devoted to the discovery of truth and
to understanding the world in which we live. The Regents take this
opportunity to rededicate themselves to maintaining in this Univer-
sity those conditions which are indispensable for the flowering of
the human mind." (January 10, 1964)

11.04 Regulation of Student Political Activity.
(1) The University regulates the time, place and manner of conducting
political activity by students on the campus to prevent interference
with University operations.
(2) The University does not regulate off-campus political activities of
students.

11.05 Right of Students to Invite Guest Speakers.
(1) Registered student organizations may invite and hear any person of
their own choosing, but scheduling of facilities requires that they
comply with procedures of the Committee on Student Life and Interests,
summarized in the Student Organization Handbook, before a speaker
is invited to appear on the campus.
(2) Sponsorship of a speaker does not imply approval or endorsement, by
the sponsoring group or the University, of the views expressed.
(3) The University does not regulate the content of speech.

11.06 Duties of Student Organizations when Sponsoring Guest Speakers.
(1) A student organization sponsoring a speaker should choose him freely,
without control by an outside group, and be satisfied that he is
qualified to address a University audience on the proposed subject.

(2) Members of the audience should be given a reasonable opportunity, in appropriate situations, to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

11.07 Purposes of Student Meetings.

(1) A student organization may use University facilities for events which are primarily for students and faculty.

(2) If admission is charged, the student organization must arrange for the handling of ticket sales and submit in advance a budget to the office of the Student Organization Advisers, or its equivalent, indicating how proceeds will be used.

(3) Student organizations may invite candidates for political office to speak on the campus only when the meetings are for students and faculty. Publicity for such meetings must indicate that attendance is limited to students and faculty, and that they are not open to the public.

11.08 Use of University Facilities by Students and Non-Students. In the use of University facilities for the extra-curricular activities of students, student groups and non-students must observe the rules of the Committee on Student Life and Interests.

11.09 Use of University Facilities by Non-University Groups. Facilities of the University are primarily for University purposes of instruction, research and public service; they are not available for unrestricted use by non-University groups. If, in the judgment of a University department or organization, the meetings or activities of a non-University group will contribute to and serve the University's purposes, University facilities, when available, and subject to necessary routine procedures administered by the Secretary of the Faculty, or other officer, may be used by that group, but only upon the invitation of and under the sponsorship of a
University department or organization. The Auditoriums Committee, or its equivalent, is consulted when the Secretary of the Faculty, or other officer, deems it necessary.

11.10 Use of University Facilities by Governmental and Public Educational Groups. University facilities may be used by governmental and public educational agencies when they are available, subject to necessary routine procedures administered by the Secretary of the Faculty, or other officer. The Auditoriums Committee, or its equivalent, is consulted when the Secretary of the Faculty, or other officer, deems it necessary.

11.11 Use of University Facilities by Political Parties or Candidates for Public Office. Leaders of political parties and candidates for state-wide and national public offices may hold public meetings on the campus, if facilities are available, and subject to necessary routine procedures administered by the Secretary of the Faculty, or other officer, in consultation with the Auditoriums Committee, or its equivalent. During a primary campaign a University auditorium may be made available for one public meeting on behalf of each recognized candidate for statewide or national public office. In a general election year, each political party may use a University auditorium for one public meeting on behalf of its candidates for national office, and for one public meeting on behalf of its candidates for statewide office. State conventions of recognized political parties may also use University facilities.

11.12 Use of University Facilities by Faculty and Employee Organizations. Faculty and University employee organizations may use University facilities on the same terms as University departments.

11.13 Conditions for Use of University Facilities. The University regulates the use of campus facilities to prevent interference with its activities. If extra expense to the University is involved (e.g. for janitor service, policing, labor, and light), the sponsoring organization must accept
responsibility for it, and deposit in advance with the University Business Office funds to cover estimated expense. The organization shall designate a representative to work with University officials in making arrangements.

11.14 Revenue-Producing Activities in University Facilities. Whenever an admission charge is made, or other revenue-producing activity is carried on in a University facility, the proceeds must be under the control of the University, or the governmental organization or public educational agency sponsoring the activity.

11.15 Freedom from Obstruction. Those who attend a speech or program sponsored by student organizations, University departments, or other authorized groups, have the duty not to obstruct it, and the University has the obligation to protect the right to listen or participate.