

3.3.14 KCTCS Smoking Policy

Smoking at KCTCS colleges and the KCTCS System Office is not permitted, except in designated exterior areas.

3.3.15 Policy of KCTCS Governing Speakers from Off Campus

In the historical role of a democratic institution of higher learning devoted to the search for truth, KCTCS is dedicated to maintaining on its campuses a spirit of free intellectual inquiry and an open exchange of ideas. It promotes vigorous, uninhibited debate and discussion, as well as critical and objective evaluation of divergent points of view.

KCTCS expects that various speakers who come to the campus will represent different shades of opinion, and that some will express controversial and unpopular views. It is essential to free inquiry and the ultimate discovery of truth that all ideas be freely expressed and freely subjected to critical analysis in the college setting. To this end, KCTCS has reexamined, reaffirms and makes explicit its traditions in this area.

KCTCS encourages its administration, faculty, and students to invite outside speakers to its campus. The appearance of such speakers does not imply approval or disapproval of them or of their views. They are brought to the campus because it is believed that their discussions will further the educational goals of the KCTCS.

Each KCTCS college and the System Office will act responsibly in inviting speakers and guests who are also expected to act responsibly. This policy requires that no law or governing regulation of the KCTCS be violated by the speech or program. KCTCS also requires that meetings on its campuses, at which off-campus speakers appear, be peaceful and orderly, and in no way interfere with the proper functioning of a KCTCS college or the System Office. Further, the KCTCS through the Office of the KCTCS Chancellor may prescribe conditions for the conduct of programs at which off-campus speakers appear. These conditions may include requiring a college official or a senior faculty member to chair the program, requiring opportunity for comments and questions from the floor, or such other practices as may be necessary to preserve order and to insure an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas. In addition, a college president/chief executive officer or the KCTCS Chancellor may take appropriate action to insure that the community is provided with a balanced exposure to divergent opinions on controversial issues.

The protection of student freedom of discussion on KCTCS college campuses is a necessary facet of the preservation of the spirit of free inquiry to which KCTCS is dedicated. Faculty members must bear the major responsibility for carrying out the mission of disseminating knowledge. The conduct of this mission requires an atmosphere of freedom to examine and discuss all ideas, including the novel and sometimes unpopular. KCTCS expects the examination and discussion of ideas to be conducted in a fashion appropriate to the educational function and dignity of KCTCS in

