

**UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
*Of*  
**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**  
**MEASURE OF THE SENATE**

**Resolution to Clarify the Speaker Policy and the Speaker Contract**

*To clarify when the Speaker contract is necessary and  
express serious concerns over continued miscommunication*

**Whereas**, there have been repeated incidents regarding the “Speaker Contract” being sent inappropriately to guest speakers in the College of Arts and Science as a requirement of their speaking; and

**Whereas**, despite the claim that this was simply an error, there is concern that prolonged confusion is part of a broader pattern of miscommunication regarding the correct deployment of the “Speaker Contract”; and

**Whereas**, said concern and confusion has a chilling effect on academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas at Loyola University Chicago; and

**Whereas**, the free expression and exchange of ideas by external speakers is crucial for a university committed to values of openness and academic freedom; and

**Whereas**, the free expression and exchange of ideas will be ensured by a clear and explicit statement contained within the University speaker policy regarding which speakers are required to sign the “Speaker Contract”;

**Be it resolved**, that the University Senate hereby expresses concern over the prolonged miscommunication and confusion regarding the Speaker Contract; and

**Be it resolved**, that the University Senate advises the Office of the Provost to take immediate action to update the “Speaker Policy for Loyola University of Chicago” of 2016 to specify when the “Speaker Contract” is required to be executed by outside speakers and when the Speaker Contract is not required for outside speakers so as to prevent future confusion on this issue and to protect Loyola’s commitment to the free exchange of ideas; and

**Be it resolved**, that the University Senate advises the Office of the Provost to communicate the updated Speaker Policy with the University community and that said Speaker Policy be reviewed periodically in accordance with changing laws and professional norms.

Signed by the Chairperson of the University Senate



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Motion on the resolution presented on April 26, 2019

Vote: 20 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; Resolution PASSED

Sponsored by: Senator Abraham A. Singer

Co-sponsored by: Senator Michael Kelly