

Approved by the Regents
June 21, 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Public Comments Policy
Action Requested: Revisions to Public Comments Policy

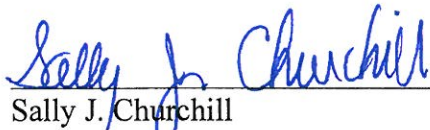
Background

In March 1977, the regents adopted “Formal Guidelines for Members of the Public Who Wish to Address a Meeting of the Regents.” This document was updated in June 2007 to incorporate modern, web-based methods of signing up speakers, and to reflect other current practices.

The purpose of the proposed revisions is to clarify one paragraph and re-order the paragraphs. These are housekeeping, and not substantive changes.

I therefore recommend adoption of the revised Public Comments Policy (attached), effective June 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

June 2012
Attachment

Public Comments Policy* (*Additions are underlined; deletions are crossed out.*)

Adopted by the Regents in June 2007; effective for the September 2007 meeting. Revised June, 2012.

1. As a part of their regular monthly meeting agenda, the Regents will set aside time for the purpose of enabling individuals to address the Board. It should be understood that the Board will not necessarily respond to such comments, since they may require study and recommendations on the part of others at the University.
- ~~2~~ 5. Speakers will have up to five minutes to address the board. There will be a limit of ten speakers per session and five speakers on the same topic except as provided in Paragraph 6.
- ~~3~~ 2. Requests to address the Board of Regents must be submitted to the vice president and secretary of the University prior to the Regents' meeting. The requests must be in writing, preferably through the form provided on the website www.regents.umich.edu. Requests to speak must identify the individual making the presentation, the subject matter of the presentation, the individual's relationship, if any, to the University, and the organization they are representing, if any. There shall be no substitutions of speakers without approval by the vice president and secretary, which may only be granted prior to the deadline for signing up to speak that is referenced at www.regents.umich.edu.
4. ~~3~~. All requests to address the Regents must be received before the deadline posted on the website. Requests will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis until the available time is used up. No waiting list will be kept from month to month.
- ~~5~~. 4. Individuals ~~Speakers~~ who have addressed the board within the previous two regularly-scheduled monthly meetings ~~months may submit a request~~ will be allowed to speak, ~~but the request will only be granted if there are~~ only if there is an available speaker slots remaining after the signup deadline has passed.
6. Two additional speaker slots will be available to individuals who sign up after the agenda ~~book~~ is posted to the website to speak about an item on that month's agenda. The other provisions of this policy are applicable to these two additional speaker slots.

*Supercedes "Formal Guidelines for Members of the Public Who Wish to Address a Meeting of the Regents," adopted March 1977 and revised June 2007. ~~and effective through the July 2007 meeting.~~

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