

At the May, July and September 2005 meetings of the Board of Trustees, the public comment period will be directly after the roll call in the plenary session, and time will be allocated as described below.

Addressing the Board of Trustees

Members of the public are welcome to address agenda items that come before standing and special meetings of the Board, and the Board meeting. Comments should pertain to the agenda or University-related matters and not to specific issues that are the subject of collective bargaining, individual grievances or appeals, or litigation. Written comments are also welcome and will be distributed to the members of the Board. The purpose of public comments is to provide information to the Board, and not to evoke an exchange with Board members. Questions that Board members may have resulting from public comments will be referred to appropriate staff for response.

Members of the public wishing to speak must provide written or electronic notice to the Trustee Secretariat two working days before the committee or Board meeting at which they desire to speak. The notice should state the subject of the intended presentation. An opportunity to speak before the Board on items that are on a committee agenda will only be provided where an opportunity was not available at that committee, or where the item was substantively changed by the committee.

In fairness to all speakers who wish to speak, and to allow the committees and Board to hear from as many speakers as possible, while at the same time conducting the public business of their meetings within the time available, the Committee or Board Chair will determine and announce reasonable restrictions upon the time for each speaker, and may ask multiple speakers on the same topic to limit their presentations. In most instances, speakers will be limited to no more than three minutes. The totality of time allotted for public comment at the Board meeting will be 30 minutes, and speakers will be scheduled for appropriate time in accord with the number who sign up. Speakers are requested to make the best use of the public comment opportunity and to follow the rules established.

Note: Anyone wishing to address the trustees who needs any special accommodation should contact the Trustee Secretariat, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.