AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; creating the campus intellectual diversity act; requiring an office of public policy events at each postsecondary educational institution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the campus intellectual diversity act.

(b) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, of each postsecondary educational institution shall establish, fund and staff an office of public policy events for the purpose of:

(1) Organizing a substantial number of debates, group forums and individual lectures;
(2) obtaining the participation of speakers who represent widely held views on opposing sides of the most widely discussed public policy issues of the day; and
(3) inviting and hosting speakers who can ably articulate widely held perspectives on public policy issues otherwise poorly represented on campus.

(c) The responsibilities of each office of public policy events shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Organizing, publicizing and staging debates, group forums and individual lectures that address from multiple, divergent and opposing perspectives an extensive range of public policy issues widely discussed and debated in society at large;
(2) inviting speakers who hold a wide diversity of perspectives, from within and outside the campus community, to participate in debates, group forums and individual lectures, with particular attention to inviting participants from outside the postsecondary educational institution who hold perspectives on widely debated public policy issues otherwise poorly represented on campus;
(3) providing, where necessary, honoraria, travel and lodging expenses to people from outside the campus community who participate in debates, group forums and individual lectures organized by the office of public policy events;
(4) maintaining and publishing a permanent, publicly accessible and
up-to-date calendar that is also accessible and searchable through the
internet that:
   (A) Lists all events sponsored by the office of public policy events
and all other debates, group forums and individual lectures open to the
entire campus community that address public policy issues; and
   (B) itemizes the title of the event or lecture, the name and
institutional affiliation of the speaker or speakers and the office, institute,
department, program or organization that sponsored the event, except
those events sponsored by off-campus groups in rented facilities;
   (5) on or before September 1 of each year, submitting the public
policy event calendar for the immediately preceding school year, arranged
chronologically, to the governor and the legislature and providing copies
of all such annual public policy event calendars to each library of the
postsecondary educational institution; and
   (6) publishing a publicly accessible video record of each debate,
group forum and individual lecture organized by the office of public policy
events on the internet within 10 business days after the event that is the
subject of the recording and maintaining such video record in a publicly
accessible form on the internet for at least five years following the date of
such event. Such video recordings shall be provided to each library of the
postsecondary educational institution.
   (d) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no
governing body exists, of each postsecondary educational institution, in its
discretion, may assign the duties and responsibilities of the office of public
policy events to an existing administrative office, provided the
administrative head of such office is designated as the director of public
policy events. The duties and responsibilities of the office of public policy
events required under this section shall be carried out by such director and
the director's staff.
   (e) The office of public policy events shall report directly to the office
of general counsel for such postsecondary educational institution.
   (f) All debates, group forums and individual lectures organized by the
office of public policy events shall be open to all students, faculty and staff
at such postsecondary educational institution and to the general public,
unless there is a compelling governmental interest and restricting
attendance by persons unaffiliated with such postsecondary educational
institution is necessary to achieve such compelling governmental interest.
   (g) As used in this section:
   (1) "Debate" means an event at which two or more participants speak
in favor of opposing approaches to the same public policy dispute, after
which each participant is allotted time to address and rebut the position
presented by the opposing speaker or speakers;
   (2) "group forum" means an event at which two or more speakers
address a public policy dispute from divergent or opposing perspectives, after which each participant is allotted time to address questions from the audience and to comment on the opposing perspective; and

(3) "postsecondary educational institution" means the same as such term is defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.