R.G. and E.M. Knight Fund Evaluation Checklist

Purpose of fund

"To enhance the quality of life of higher education at the University of Manitoba by enriching its academic life through the support of a Distinguished Visitors Program."

Qualified visitor

- Scholar or leader in the areas of commerce, industry, and government, drawn from one of the following fields: commerce, finance, economics, political studies, history, and literature.

OR

- Outstanding achiever from other disciplines who have made distinguished contributions to the advancement of knowledge or to cultural, social, and economic development.

Range of activities

The program is intended to be flexible with respect to the range of activities and the duration of the visit. The sole stipulations are that the visitor must:

- Interact with staff and students.
- Interact with general public as appropriate. Note: past practice has established a tradition that the visitor delivers a public lecture.

Selection criteria

- Quality and achievement of the visitor will be paramount.
- Visitor must not espouse beliefs that run counter to basic values of a free society or to the preservation of human rights and liberties or may create a danger to public safety and order.

Nomination

- Endorsed by the head of the unit. Joint endorsement by two or more units is appropriate where the proposed visitor's expertise and interests cross disciplinary boundaries.
- Provides biographical information, including distinction of the nominee.
- Outlines objectives and duration for the visit and benefits to be derived from it.
- Includes cost estimate for the visit, including justification for all expenditures and the recommended guest lecturer or speaker's fee.
- Includes a draft program of activities / events.

For questions about the nomination and selection process or to request this information in an alternative format, please contact Kelsey Evans at Kelsey.Evans@umanitoba.ca or 204-430-1846.

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