# APPENDIX G “FREE SPEECH” PERIOD

**DURING FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS**

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Directly responding to results of the 1996 Faculty Survey, the Faculty Senate has initiated a “Free Speech” period to be held during all Faculty Senate meetings. The Faculty Senate meets the second Tuesday of each month (except August) in the University Union Senate Chambers. Meetings are open and all faculty are invited to participate in this new agenda item. Guidelines for the “Free Speech” period are as follows:

* Faculty, as defined by the Faculty Manual, are invited to participate.
* Prior to presentation, faculty member must introduce him/herself and state department and college
* If your particular subject matter is sensitive, the Faculty Senate encourages you to discuss it first within appropriate department college, or university avenues
* Faculty Senate meetings are open and you are reminded that members of the press may be present.
* Slanderous commentary, personal attacks, and the use of names will not be permitted.
* Each person will have a maximum of three minutes for delivery. Total “Free Speech” period will last ten minutes.
* An opportunity for rebuttal and/or questions will be provided.
* Notify the Faculty Senate Office two working days prior to Senate meetings at which you wish to present. State subject matter and amount of time needed (up to three minutes). Contact the Faculty Senate Office, senate[@clemson.edu,](mailto:mpatte2@clemson.edu) 656-2456.
* Respect “Free Speech” guidelines so that it will not be necessary for your presentation to be interrupted or ceased.
* Faculty Senate Parliamentarian and/or Faculty Senate President will determine appropriate actions.
* Guidelines are subject to change by the Faculty Senate as necessary.

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