



Political Engagement, Advocacy, and Campaign Related Activities - Interim

The primary purpose of the University is to create and share knowledge. Toward that end, the University promotes discussion of important issues in society, including the free expression and exchange of political viewpoints and ideas. The University will support and protect the freedoms of speech, expression, petition, peaceable assembly, and association. The University encourages its students, faculty and staff to exercise fully the rights of citizenship, including participation in the political life of their communities, the state, and the nation, and to educate and involve themselves in world affairs.

Concurrently, the University must comply with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Regulations that prohibit the use of University resources in connection with political campaign activities in support of, or in opposition to, candidates, as well as limit the extent to which the University may seek to influence legislation (commonly referred to as "lobbying"). Therefore, the University shall not, through its officials or units, participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Furthermore, lobbying activity undertaken by the University shall not represent a substantial part of its activities.

The University has designated the Office of University Relations as primary contact for all elected officials and political candidates. University employees and governance groups who plan to contact elected officials or political candidates on behalf of the University, or while engaged in University business, must obtain adva86 Tm0 g0 G(a)-9(d)-1

An organization approved under the University Organization Recognition Policy. For purposes of this Policy, and in compliance with IRS regulations, organizations with separate legal/tax status, including, but not limited to, certified labor unions and University Affiliated Organizations, shall be excluded from this definition.

The Office of University Relations coordinates all University contacts with public officials and candidates for political office, including University lobbying and advocacy activities.

1. University employees and students who plan to contact elected officials or political candidates on behalf of the University, a University Recognized Organization,

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Facilities rental charges will be assessed in accordance with the Facilities and Grounds Use Policy, and the sponsoring organization must pay all service costs associated with the event, including, without limitation, event coordination and service fees. No compensation, honorarium, or expenses may be paid to any political candidate or political organization by a University-recognized group or organization. The sponsoring group may charge admission only in an amount necessary to cover reasonable costs of the event. No political fundraising activities may take place at, or in connection with, an event held under this section. No University derived funding may be used to conduct political activities or to make political contributions.

3. Candidate, Campaign or Private Use of University Facilities

The University, through University Event Services, regularly permits the rental of University facilities for private events at fair market value. In the case of campaign related activities, the University will make its facilities available for rent to candidates, campaigns and other interested parties on an equal basis in accordance with established University Policy and subject to availability.

Campus facilities will be made available to candidates, campaigns and other interested parties for campaign related activities in accordance with this Policy and the Facilities and Grounds Use Policy and any associated guidelines. The Vice President for Operations and Public Safety, or her/his designee, has final authority to approve or disapprove the use of University facilities for any event, and must be notified of all requests for use of campus facilities prior to University Event Services confirming space.

Promotional material may not state or imply that the University endorses the political candidate or political organization, or any position of the candidate or organization. Requests for press conferences or similar events on campus by, or on behalf of, political candidates or their campaigns are subject to this Policy.

The structural format of campaign related activities held in University facilities by a candidate or campaign is the responsibility of the candidate or campaign. The candidate or campaign is fully responsible for their own compliance with IRS Regulations and other sources of law which may apply to the conduct of political activities. The University is acting purely as an arms-length lessor of space.

The University does not permit any candidate, campaign, or other interested party to engage in solicitation, campaigning, or other door-to-door canvassing activities in staff or faculty offices, student residence halls, or other private work or living areas. Canvassing activities are necessarily limited to publicly accessible areas consistent with the University's [Posting and Solicitation Policy](#).

At the beginning of each event, after the event is fully convened, the political candidate or a representative of the political candidate must

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The political candidate or organization must pay the full facility rental charge in accordance with the Facilities and Grounds Use Policy, and must pay all service costs associated with the event, including, without limitation, event coordination and service fees. The political candidate or organization may establish and charge admission for their event. All facility rental charges and the estimated services costs must be paid in full in advance of the event.

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None

- x [Affiliated Organizations](#)
- x [Campus Speakers Policy](#)
- x [Computer, Communication, and Network Technology Acceptable Use](#)
- x [Facilities and Grounds Use](#)
- x [Free Expression and Campus Disruption](#)
- x [Group and Organization Recognition](#)
- x [Posting and Solicitation Policy](#)
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