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- A. The Arizona Board of Regents recognizes and appreciates the privilege which each individual in this state and nation has to express his or her opinion and to seek to make that opinion known to members of the Congress and the state legislature. The Board also recognizes the responsibilities with which it has been entrusted in connection with the operation of our universities and the advancement of higher education in the state of Arizona and recognizes that on occasion the interests of the Board and the universities will not coincide with the interests of individual employees of the Board.
- B. In approaching members of the state legislature or the Congress, employees of the Board shall make every effort to indicate clearly that the position which they take is an individual position or is the position of a group other than the Arizona Board of Regents. In instances in which the Board has taken an official position, the employee or employee group endorsing a differing position shall make it clear to the legislative body that the Board has endorsed a different or contrary position.
- C. The university officials responsible for disbursement or allocation of state funds shall determine prior to disbursement or allocation that such funds will not be used for purposes of influencing legislation unless such use receives specific authorization by the Board.
- D. The Board shall make known to the appropriate members of the legislature that only the chair of the Board or his or her designated delegate shall speak for the Board in matters relating to policy.
- E. This policy is not intended to nor shall it be enforced so as to restrict rights guaranteed to individual employees but is an attempt only to separate the views of those employees from positions which the Board may take in attempting to discharge its responsibilities under the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Arizona.