

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
POLICY MANUAL**

6-905 Political Activity

Revision Dates

6/11/2026, 8/5/2011, 12/4/1987, 3/12/1983 (adopted; effective 5/1/1983)

- A. Employees may participate in political activity outside their employment, but shall not allow their interest in a particular party candidate, or political issue to affect the objectivity of their teaching or the performance of their regular university duties.
- B. Employees who use their university title or otherwise identify their university affiliation when participating in political activity outside their employment must make clear that they are acting on their own behalf and not speaking for the institution.
- C. A person acting on behalf of the university may not use university personnel, equipment, materials, buildings, or other resources for the purpose of:
 - 1. Influencing the outcomes of elections; or
 - 2. Advocating in support of or in opposition to pending or proposed legislation.
- D. The prohibition against using university personnel or resources to influence elections or advocate in support of or in opposition to pending or proposed legislation does not preclude or prevent:
 - 1. A university from reporting on official actions of the university to the Arizona Board of Regents;
 - 2. A registered lobbyist or employee assisting the registered lobbyist in their official capacity from advocating on behalf of the universities or the Arizona Board of Regents;
 - 3. An employee who is appointed to a government board, commission or advisory panel who provides expert testimony or guidance on public policy;
 - 4. An employee from providing classroom instruction on matters relating to politics, elections, laws, ballot measures, candidates for public office and pending or proposed legislation;

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5. The publication of reports or hosting of seminars or guest speakers by the university that recommends public policy;
 6. An employee expressing their personal opinion on a political or policy issue, regardless of whether that opinion is expressed inside or outside the classroom; and
 7. An employee of a university using personal time and resources from influencing the outcomes of elections or from advocating in support of or opposition to pending or proposed legislation.

Policy History

- 3/12/1983 The Policy Manual was adopted by the Board to be effective 5/1/1983.
- 12/4/1987 Policy revision, including renumbering, approved by the Board on second reading.
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- 6/11/2026 Policy revision approved by the Board on second reading.

Related Information

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