

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
POLICY MANUAL**

6-905 Political Activity

Revision Dates

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. 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.

- C. 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;
 - 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

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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.
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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.
- 8/5/2011 Policy revision approved by the Board on second reading.

Related Information

See 3/12/1983 meeting minutes.

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