

## Campus Facilities for Political Purposes

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**Last Revision:** November 2, 2015

While the use of the facilities of the university for partisan political assemblies and meetings is not normally encouraged, the faculty and administration, as members of a learned and honorable profession, may properly exercise their acknowledged individual rights and obligations of citizenship free of university discipline or censorship.

Individual political candidates and their election organizations are not permitted to reserve a university facility for campaign activities. However, if a candidate is invited by a university group, then he/she may appear in the facility, provided that the group extending the invitation is responsible for reserving the facility and meeting the costs related to the event.

No member of the Board of Regents shall undertake to influence the political opinions of personnel subject to the board's jurisdiction, but such personnel are requested to exercise their individual rights or citizenship or academic freedom in a responsible manner reasonably calculated not to identify or associate with the university.

A university employee may not use his/her official authority or influence to coerce the political action of a person or body.

**Cross Reference:** Board of Regents Rules and Regulations; Tex. Gov't Code § 556.004

**Responsible for Implementation:** President

**Contact for Revision:** President

**Forms:** None

**Board Committee Assignment:** Building and Grounds