

## **Campus Facilities for Political Purposes**

**Original Implementation:** April 27, 1970

**Last Revision:** November 1, 2021

### **Purpose**

This policy establishes the parameters for use of campus facilities for political purposes.

### **General**

As a state-supported institution of higher education, Stephen F. Austin State University is required to remain neutral in partisan political activities. Individual faculty, staff and students enjoy all constitutional rights and privileges regarding freedom of speech and participation in political events subject to reasonable restrictions regarding time, place and manner.

Non-institutionally affiliated entities, including 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.

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

**Cross Reference:** Tex. Gov't Code § 556; Tex. Educ. Code 51.9315; Expressive Activities (16.4)

**Responsible for Implementation:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Contact for Revision:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Forms:** None

**Board Committee Assignment:** Building and Grounds Committee

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