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Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of West Texas A&M University

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Rule Statement

As a state supported institution of higher education, West Texas A&M University remains neutral in political activities. Individual faculty, staff and students continue to enjoy the constitutional rights and privileges concerning freedom of speech and participation in political events.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

West Texas A&M University may not endorse, recommend, or otherwise indicate political support for any candidate for an elected office, or for any current officeholder of such an office.

2. DISCRIMINATION BASED ON POLITICAL VIEWPOINT

West Texas A&M University will not discriminate against any organization or individual on the basis of political affiliation or doctrine, nor will it favor any political organization or doctrine over another.

3. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN EVENTS ON WTAMU PROPERTY

- a. Political Campaign Meetings or Speeches. Student organizations that are officially chartered and currently registered with the WTAMU Student Organizations Office, and faculty or staff groups that are recognized by WTAMU and which meet on campus, may sponsor partisan political activities or events on campus. Only organizations of students, faculty or staff that have been recognized and approved may sponsor partisan political activities or events on campus and may use WTAMU symbols, insignia or other identifiable WTAMU mark, in accordance with this rule.

4. CURRENT OFFICEHOLDERS

When a holder of a political office visits West Texas A&M University, the officeholder shall be afforded all due respect and courtesies to which the officeholder is entitled. However, the officeholders may not engage in any partisan political activities, including campaigning for themselves or on behalf of others, unless they comply with the preceding sections of this rule. If

the nature of an officeholder's visit is not clear prior to arrival, University officials should use their best efforts to determine in advance if the officeholder will be engaging in any partisan activities during the visit.

5. USE OF WTAMU OR TAMUS SYMBOLS, INSIGNIA, AND OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Subject to Section 3, the use of any symbol, insignia, or other identifiable mark of West Texas A&M University or The Texas A&M University System in association with any partisan political activity, including campaigns by political candidates, is prohibited.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 07.03, *Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities*
System Regulation 07.03.01, *Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System*

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