6-905 Political Activity

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

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.