

**33.01.01.W1/SS Political Campaign Events**  
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1. INTRODUCTION

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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 invite candidates for political office or current officeholders to speak at the group's meeting.
- B. Political Campaign Advertising. Advertising for all off-campus political campaigns is limited to "open board" posting areas on campus. Off-campus political campaign materials may not be placed in or on the grounds or on automobile windshields or utility poles. Officially chartered and currently registered student organizations may create and post advertisements for their events including on-campus political speakers provided their names and the dates of their events are clearly printed on all materials. In the event a campus is used as an official polling place, the official elections and campaign rules and regulations of that election will supersede WTAMU political campaign advertising regulations.

5. 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 Section 4 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.

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

Subject to the preceding Section 4 of this rule, 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.

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