Political Activity of Faculty

Policy Statement

A member of the faculty of the University may participate in partisan political activity, as do other citizens. Faculty may be candidates for local governmental offices requiring part-time service only, such as a city council, a county governing board, or a school board. Employees may also serve on boards and commissions where they are prepared to render exceptional services.

Members of the faculty desiring to become candidates for a major office in the state or national government (or for a time-consuming local position) should consult with their department chair, the dean of the college, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President concerning the possibility of obtaining a leave of absence for the period of active candidacy and/or term of office. Such leave shall not affect eligibility for reinstatement to former positions in the University.

Faculty of the University are encouraged to take an interest in public affairs. Nothing in the University regulations shall be construed as abridging the rights guaranteed to citizens of Kentucky and of the United States under the state and national constitutions. Faculty participating in political activities are expected to make it clear that they are participating as citizens and not as official representatives of the University. Such activities are not to interfere with University duties.

Entities Affected by the Policy

- Colleges
- Departments
- Faculty

Interpreting Authority

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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