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Policy Statement

It is inappropriate for University System of Georgia personnel to manage or enter political campaigns while on duty to perform services for the University System or to hold elective political office at the State or Federal level while employed by the University System of Georgia. This policy outlines those political activities in which University System of Georgia employees may or may not participate.

Reason For Policy

As responsible and interested citizens in a democratic society, employees of the University System are encouraged to fulfill their civic obligations and otherwise engage in the normal political processes of society. Nevertheless, it is inappropriate for System personnel to manage or enter political campaigns while on duty to perform services for the System or to hold elective political office at the state or federal level while employed by the System.

Entities Affected By This Policy

This policy affects all employees of the University System of Georgia at all levels.

Who Should Read This Policy

All employees of the University System of Georgia should be aware of this policy.

Contacts

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Related Documents

Board of Regents Policy Section 802.1603: Political Activities

<http://www.usg.edu/regents/policymanual/800.phtml>

Overview

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Process/Procedures

The following policies governing political activities have been adopted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia:

- Employees may not manage or take an active part in a political campaign that interferes with the performance of duties or services for

which he or she receives compensation from the System.

- Employees may not hold elective political office at the state or federal level.
- A candidate for or holder of an elective political office at the state or federal level may not be employed or hold a faculty, staff, or other position at an institution of the System, with or without compensation.
- Employees seeking elective political office at the state or federal level must first request a leave of absence without pay beginning prior to qualification as a candidate in a primary or general election and ending after the general or final election. If elected to state or federal office, such person must resign prior to assuming office.

Employees may seek and hold elective office at other than the state or federal level, or appointive office, when such candidacy for or holding of the office does not conflict or interfere with the employee's duties and responsibilities to the institution or the System.

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