



Authority for Official Statements

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to designate the individual(s) with authority to issue a statement on any political or other subject of an obviously controversial matters on behalf of the university or any of its units.

Persons Affected

This policy applies to all university employees, students, and contractors.

Definitions

None.

Policy

The president acts to determine the official position of the university on any political or other subject of an obviously controversial nature.

Procedures

- A. Statements on any political or other subject of an obviously controversial nature on behalf of the university or any of its units shall be made by the president.
- B. Except as allowed in this policy, no employee, student, or contractor shall make or issue any public statement on any political or other subject of an obviously controversial nature which might reasonably be construed as a statement of the official position of the university or its units without the advance approval of the president.
- C. It is not the intent of this policy statement to stifle the right of freedom of speech of anyone speaking in a personal capacity where that person makes it clear by an express statement that he or she is not speaking for the university or its units.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10101, Board Authority and Duties

Responsible Executive

President

Forms

None



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