

POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON CAMPUS

As an academic institution we recognize and welcome the educational benefits of exposing students to political debate and information, including partisan political speech. We have made some of our facilities available to a wide range of outside speakers and expressive activities and, therefore, have legal obligations to open such facilities to political speech, as well. In handling requests for permission to use campus facilities we must be guided by the principle of viewpoint neutrality and evenhanded treatment as to terms and conditions of use (i.e. rental charges, security costs, etc.)

With regards to political speech and speakers, the State University of New York has placed certain limits on access to its facilities. It has been longstanding State University policy to prohibit use of State University property for partisan political candidate fundraisers. This policy is consistent with our legal obligations, the educational mission of the state University, and other strong interests, such as avoidance of the inevitable impression of endorsing particular candidates.

The following information is utilized by University at Albany staff as a guide in determining use of campus facilities for political activity:

- SUNY Board of Trustees Guidelines: [Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations](#)
(reference Policy 1, section K)
- [Political Activity at SUNY Campuses](#)
- [American Council on Education: Political Campaign Related Activities of and at Colleges and Universities](#)