

**Political Activities of Academic Personnel  
ACA-34**

**ACTION:** Repeal

<p><b>Current policy</b> <i>Unchanged text = black; minor changes and updates = blue; substantive changes = red</i></p>	<p><b>Policy as amended</b></p>	<p><b>Comments</b></p>
<p><b>About This Policy:</b>                      Effective dates: 04-21-1963                      Last updated: 06-03-1963                      Responsible University Office: University Faculty Council                      Responsible University Administrator: Board of Trustees, Indiana University                      Policy Contact: ufcoff@indiana.edu</p> <p><b>Scope</b>                      All academic appointees.</p> <p><b>Policy Statement</b>                      The University recognizes the right of academic appointees to engage in political activities beyond those normally entailed in voting and participating in routine community, state, and national programs, provided that the participation does not prevent the full discharge of the faculty member’s academic responsibilities.</p> <p><b>Principles and Procedures to be Observed</b>                      Academic personnel of Indiana University shall be free to participate in political activities on the national, state, or local level such as running for political office, managing political campaigns, and assuming leadership roles in political organizations, providing that the participation does not prevent full discharge of their academic obligations to the University. If such participation does prevent full discharge, the individual will be</p>	<p>Repealed.</p>	<p><i>Overview: This policy has been superseded by GR-01, Contact with Federal and State Government Officials; and GR-02, Political Activities. The provisions of this policy were incorporated almost verbatim into GR-02, which reads as follows:</i></p> <p><b><i>Direct Participation in Political Activity by Individual IU Community Members</i></b>  <i>IU Community Members shall be free to participate in political activities on the national, state, or local level such as running for political office, managing political campaigns, and assuming leadership roles in political organizations, providing that the participation does not prevent full discharge of their obligations to the University. If such participation does prevent full discharge, the individual will be</i></p>

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In any such activities the academic appointee must make clear that he or she is acting as a private citizen and is in no way representing the University.

The academic appointee who proposes to engage in political activities shall be required to inform his or her departmental chairperson, the school dean, and the Vice Chancellor/Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs or equivalent.

Should a disagreement arise between the faculty member and any of the above administrative officers regarding the faculty member's ability to discharge academically related obligations, the faculty member shall be entitled to appeal to the Faculty Board of Review, which shall make the final decision. Other academic appointees have other means of appeal.

(Faculty Council, May 21, 1963; Board of Trustees, June 3, 1963)

### **Political Campaign Invitations, Events, and Activities Guidelines**

For information related to these guidelines please contact the Office of the Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations.

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