



**University Policy**  
University Procedure  
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## Partisan Political Activities Policy

Employees include Postdoctoral Scholars who are engaged to work for the University under an employment contract.

- d) "GSA" means the Graduate Students' Association of the University of Calgary.
- e) "Partisan Political Activity" means action that supports or opposes a political party, candidate, or other electoral activities in any jurisdiction, including:
  - i. seeking nomination as or being a candidate for election;
  - ii. volunteering for a political party, candidate, or elected official;
  - iii. soliciting Political Donations or fundraising; and
  - iv. soliciting nomination signatures.

It does not include action, such as knowledge mobilization, research engagement, and teaching, or lobbying on behalf of the University, which may be within an Academic Staff Member's or Employee's scope of employment.
- f) "Political Donations" means the contribution of funds (including cash, cheques, purchase orders, p-cards/credit card purchases, and funding requests made to accounts payable), work time, services provided in kind, gifts (including door prizes and silent auction gifts), or resources to a Partisan Political Activity, a political party, a candidate for elected office, referendum campaign.
- g) "Political Office" means an elected role in government, in any jurisdiction.
- h) "Postdoctoral Scholar" means an individual who has completed a doctoral degree and is carrying out research at the University under the direction or mentorship of a supervising Academic Staff Member.
- i) "Student" means an individual registered in a University course or program of study.
- j) "Student Club" means a registered SU club, or a graduate student group registered with the GSA.
- k) "SU" means The Students' Union, the University of Calgary.
- l) "University" means the University of Calgary.
- m) "University Community" means all Academic Staff Members, Appointees, Employees, Postdoctoral Scholars, and Students.
- n) "University Controlled Digital Channels" means electronic means of communicating operated by the University, including University-branded or operated software tools and applications, digital images and display boards, digital audio and video, digital games, digital advertising, web pages and websites, social media, data and databases, email marketing, and electronic books.
- o) "University Resources" means the tangible and intangible assets of the University, including funds, electronic and IT communications, University Controlled Digital Channels, computers, cellular phones or other communication devices, mail lists, 4.1 stationery, and any other equipment or resource provided by the University.

#### 4 Policy Statement

- 4.2 The University recognizes the right of Students to participate in Partisan Political Activities provided they do not use University (7.7 (c) 0.0063ched [Top]10.6 (lit)-3 d)2.3 (rc)9(rs)-

