Rule 07.03.01.T1  Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of Tarleton State University

Rule Statement

As a state institution of higher education, Tarleton State University is required to remain neutral in partisan political activities. Individual faculty, staff, and students enjoy all constitutional rights and privileges concerning freedom of speech and participation in political events. Such events, however, on the Tarleton campus are subject to reasonable time, place and safety restrictions.

Reason for Rule

This rule provides guidance concerning the use of Tarleton property and facilities for political campaign activities and events.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

   1.1 Tarleton will not endorse, recommend, or otherwise indicate partisan political support for any candidate for an elected office, or for any current officeholder of such an office.

2. USE OF FACILITIES

   2.1 Any individual, university organization, or political party desiring to use Tarleton facilities for campaign or related political events must make a formal request to the Office of the President or designee. The use of Tarleton facilities may require a rental fee.

   2.2. Applications for use of facilities under this rule by student, faculty, or staff organizations that have been officially recognized and/or approved by Tarleton State University will be processed as specified in Tarleton SAP 51.99.99.T0.01, Facility Use Fee. These groups are eligible to request the use of facilities.
2.3 Requests from non-institutionally affiliated entities will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In review of such requests, Tarleton will not discriminate against any non-institutionally affiliated entity based on political viewpoint.

2.4 Should Tarleton property or facilities be approved for use by political candidates or parties, a sign with the words that follow must be displayed near the event.

   “By policy Tarleton State University is required to remain neutral in political activities. The use of Tarleton facilities and property by candidates and political organizations does not imply or indicate support for any candidate or political party.”

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities

System Regulation 07.03.01, Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System

Tarleton SAP 51.99.99.T0.01, Facility Use Fee

This rule supersedes:

Rule 33.01.01.T1 Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of Tarleton State University

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