Student Organizations and Political Activities

This policy applies to all UCF employees and in limited circumstances, students. This description summarizes the portions of this policy that apply directly to students. For the complete policy, please see UCF Policy – Political and Campaign Activities.

Student organizations or activity groups associated with various academic programs cannot participate in campaign activities, even if this participation is in-kind or reimbursed for actual expenses. In other words, you cannot use a UCF organization to further political activities, even if volunteering. For example, it is not appropriate for a UCF music group to display the UCF logo while preforming at a campaign rally.

UCF will not sponsor a rally or fundraiser. Registered or recognized student organizations may invite candidates or sponsor activities, such as campus tours, briefings or other related activities, provided they follow the prescribed procedures for use of university space. This includes the Student Union building, activity rooms, free assembly areas or public university property. Prior to such events it is strongly encouraged that UCF MD student organizations contact the UCF College of Medicine Office of Student Affairs for guidance. The assistance of the Division of University Relations may also be sought. The university will under no circumstances be responsible for generating press coverage or solicitation for attendance at such events.

Current state laws and regulations prohibit state employees from using state resources to participate in political campaigns or activities including lobbying and political solicitation of any kind. As individuals, UCF employees are encouraged to support candidates or issues of their choice and participate in the democratic process as a privilege of citizenship, but they must not in any way associate these activities as formal representation or endorsement by the university.