Political Activities Policy

Before confirming political speakers for a campus event, university schools, departments and institutes must first consult with and gain initial approval from the Office of Government and Community Relations [1] and communicate with the Office of Special Events and Protocol [2]. During campaign periods, further procedural approval may be necessary to proceed.

Federal and state laws that govern the university as an educational trust and tax-exempt institution, and concern for the proper role the university plays in society, limit the partisan political activities that can take place in Stanford facilities or with Stanford support. These limitations in no way inhibit the expression of personal political views by any individual within the university community.

Prohibited political activities include:

- Using university facilities or receiving university support, except as listed above.
- On-campus solicitation of funds for candidates.
- Use of Stanford name and seal, on-campus addresses, and nonresidential telephones, services, equipment or personnel.
- Using a Stanford school, department, or institute's name to endorse a candidate while using university resources.
- Payment of fees to candidates.

Because the laws relating to political activities are complex, all groups wishing to bring political candidates (those that are currently running for an elected office) to campus can only do so with prior approval from the Office of Government and Community Relations [1] and must communicate with the Office of Special Events and Protocol [2].

See Also:

Political Activities [4], Stanford Admin Guide 1.5.1
Office of Special Events and Protocol [2]
White Plaza Usage Policy [3]

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[2] https://osep.stanford.edu/contact