

SOM- Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology	TITLE: Association with External Organizations	Policy: PR002
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## Regulations and Policies

### Political Activities

Source: *The Policy Manual: Board of Regents, University System of Georgia, Section 802.1603*

As responsible and interested citizens in a democratic society, employees of the University System are encouraged to fulfill their civic obligations and otherwise engage in the normal political processes of society. Nevertheless, it is inappropriate for system personnel to manage or enter political campaigns while on duty to perform services for the system or to hold elective political office at the state or federal level while employed by the system. Therefore, the following policies governing political activities are hereby adopted:

- A. Employees may not manage or take an active part in a political campaign which interferes with the performance of duties or services for which he receives compensation from the system.
- B. Employees may not hold elective political office at the state or federal level.
- C. A candidate for or holder of an elective political office at the state or federal level may not be employed or hold a faculty, staff, or other position at an institution of the System, with or without compensation.
- D. Employees seeking elective political office at the state or federal level must first request a leave of absence without pay beginning prior to qualification as a candidate in a primary or general election and ending after the general or final election. If elected to state or federal office such persons must resign prior to assuming office.
- E. Employees may seek and hold elective office at other than the state or federal level, or appointed office, when such candidacy for holding of the office does not conflict or interfere with the employee's duties and responsibilities to the institution or the system.

The URL for the following policy is: <http://www.mcg.edu/egr/>

### The Division of External and Government Relations:

**The Division of External Affairs** is comprised of three main areas – Government Relations, Media Relations and Strategic Communications – which support the Medical College of Georgia’s mission to improve health and reduce the burden of illness in

society by discovering, disseminating and applying knowledge of human health and disease.

The Vice President for External Affairs is the official liaison between the members of the MCG community and the elected officials in our federal, state and local governments. Anyone contacted to represent or speak for the Medical College of Georgia by any governmental official or body would coordinate their response through this office.

The Office of Media Relations works closely with the university administration, faculty, staff and students to produce news releases for external distribution as well as feature stories for MCG publications that provide in-depth information about research and educational activities on campus. The Media Relations staff serves as liaison with news organizations to assist them in developing accurate, informative and timely material for print and broadcast. The staff provides highly specialized expertise about numerous aspects of health care, biomedical research and education and can arrange interviews with members of the MCG community.

The Office of Strategic Communications oversees the campus marketing and internal communications efforts including production of the university's major publications: MCG Today, a quarterly magazine; MCG Tomorrow, an annual research report; and the Beeper, a biweekly newspaper for the MCG community. The office also provides writing, editing and publication production services, manages the university's Web site, monitors and controls use of the institutional trademarks and provides strategic communications planning for various projects and initiatives.