



## **POLICY 2.17**

### **COUNCIL GOVERNANCE**

#### *Non-Partisanship*

#### **POLICY INTENT**

To protect AUSU's reputation and relationships with all stakeholders and all levels of government, present and future by remaining free from political affiliation.

#### **POLICY**

##### **Responsibilities of Executive Officers**

- 2.17.01 Partisan activity is defined as any activity that provides direct or indirect support or opposition to any political party at any time, whether during an election period or not, or to any candidate for any public office. Examples may include but are not limited to:
- a. Seeking nomination for candidacy or hold a seat on behalf of any political party in an election;
  - b. Publicly endorsing a candidate or party for office;
  - c. Publicly giving cash or non-cash gifts to a candidate or political party, either directly or indirectly;
  - d. Serving as a director at any level of a political party;
  - e. Providing resources of any kind to aid any candidate or any political party;
  - f. Making public statements that support or oppose a candidate or political party; or
  - g. Distributing physical or electronic material which supports any given candidate or political party.

##### **Executive Responsibility**

- 2.17.02 While holding an executive office at AUSU, an AUSU Executive Councillor may not:
- a. Engage in any partisan activity as defined above;
  - b. Run as a candidate at the provincial or federal level outside of AUSU or affiliated advocacy groups; or
  - c. Campaign for or against any candidate for any elected office without Executive Committee approval.

##### **Councillor Responsibility**

- 2.17.03 While sitting on AUSU Council, an AUSU Councillor may not:
- a. Seek nomination for candidacy or hold a seat on behalf of any political party in an election; or
  - b. Speak on behalf of or reference AUSU in any partisan activities.

## **General**

2.17.04 At no time, may any AUSU resources be utilized toward partisan activity of any kind, as defined in this policy.

2.17.05 Any breaches of this policy are subject to the AUSU discipline process as outlined in Policy 2.04 Discipline.

## **RELATED REFERENCES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS**

### **This Policy References**

Policy 2.04 Discipline

### **This Policy is Referenced by**

None

### **POLICY RESPONSIBILITY**

Council

### **POLICY HISTORY**

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