

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EPA EMPLOYEES  
(EXCEPT SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS):  
CANDIDACY AND OFFICEHOLDING

PART-TIME POLITICAL OFFICES  
(OTHER THAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIPS)

**Directions of the Board of Trustees of  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
for Implementing the Board of Governors'  
Policy on Political Activities of Employees**

I. Coverage

These directions apply to all faculty and EPA non faculty employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as employees), other than senior administrative officers.

II. Advance notice of Policy requirements

The Chancellor shall be responsible for notifying all employees well in advance of both the procedures to be followed in pursuing, as well as the possible employment implications of, their involvement in political candidacy and officeholding, pursuant to the Board of Governors' Policy. Such measures shall include: (1) publication of a notice in documents that prescribe the terms and conditions of employment for the affected categories of covered University employment, e.g., handbooks and policy manuals if any; (2) distribution with paychecks, in advance of each pending political season, of reminders of Policy requirements to which employees are subject.

III. Consequences of failure to comply with required procedures

The Board of Governors' Policy states that any employee who becomes a candidate for election to a part-time office for which compensation is more than nominal presumably will engage in campaign activity that interferes with the satisfactory performance of his or her full-time employment responsibilities to the University. In the face of that presumption, the affected employee is accorded the options of (1) resigning in order to pursue political activity, or (2) seeking to demonstrate that, contrary to the presumption, he or she can and will structure campaign activities so as to assure that they do not conflict with University employment, or (3) seeking an appropriate leave of absence to enable the employee to pursue political activity.

The Board of Governors' Policy is designed to accomplish a timely resolution of questions about an employee's proposed involvement in activities that could conflict with University employment responsibilities. The purpose is to avoid, through advance planning, any situation in which an employee might neglect his or her duty and thereby disrupt service to students and other beneficiaries of the University enterprise, with consequent need for disciplinary action against the employee. The system established by the Board of Governors permits both the employee and the employer to identify potential problems in advance and to craft reasonable accommodations. Thus, it is essential that the procedures called for in the Policy be observed carefully.

An employee who fails or refuses to observe the procedural requirements of the Policy has violated the terms and conditions of his or her employment and is subject to disciplinary action. With the establishment of appropriate measures for providing notice of the Policy requirements, all covered employees will be presumed to know their obligations under the Policy.

A. With respect to officeholding

If a University employee is elected or appointed to a full-time public office, his or her employment ends automatically (“will be deemed to have resigned”) upon the assumption of that office. The automatic termination of employment may be avoided only if the employee, prior to assuming the office, has sought and obtained permission for a leave of absence, not to exceed two years in duration. Since the relevant provisions of the Policy are self-executing, there is no occasion for disciplinary action in such a case.

If a University employee is elected or appointed to a part-time office for which compensation is more than nominal, holding the office is presumed to conflict with the satisfactory performance of University employment obligations, and the employee is obligated to resign upon assuming that public office. The required resignation may be avoided only if the employee, prior to assuming the office, follows prescribed procedures that result either in a finding that in fact there will be no conflict created by simultaneous officeholding and University employment or, alternatively, in the approval of a requested leave of absence. If an employee fails to follow the prescribed procedure or declines to resign after failing to rebut the presumed conflict or after being denied a leave of absence, disciplinary action may be brought against him or her for violation of the terms and conditions of his or her employment.

B. With respect to candidacy

Under the terms of the Board of Governors’ Policy, if a candidacy for election to public office entails a presumed conflict with University employment, the affected employee is required to resign when he or she becomes a candidate. Resignation from employment may be avoided only if the employee, prior to becoming a candidate, follows prescribed procedures that result either in a finding that in fact there will be no conflict or, alternatively, in the approval of a requested leave of absence. If an employee fails to follow the prescribed procedure or declines to resign after being denied a leave of absence, disciplinary action may be brought against him or her for violation of the terms and conditions of his or her employment.

IV. Addressing presumptive conflicts of time as a candidate

A. Timely presentation of petitions to rebut the presumption

With respect to an employee who intends to file as a candidate for a major part-time office in a race that requires a May primary contest, any petition designed to rebut the presumption of conflict of time must be filed with the Board of Trustees by no later than November 1 in the year preceding the May primary election.

With respect to an employee who intends to stand for election in November to a major part-time office, any such petition must be filed with the Board of Trustees by no later than July 1 of the election year.

B. Showings necessary to rebut presumption of conflict

An employee who wishes to campaign for a major part-time office and

simultaneously maintain his or her full-time University employment must meet the burden of demonstrating that, contrary to the presumption established by the Policy, no conflict of time in fact will occur.

Attachment 1 is a sample petition that is to be used by all employees to display the requirements of time and, correspondingly, how campaigning would be fitted into the petitioner's total available personal time during a week.

C. Conditions imposed incident to permitting maintenance of full-time employment while campaigning

If the Board of Trustees determines that an employee has successfully rebutted the presumption of conflict, the permission to continue full-time University employment may need to be attended by special conditions. For example, the employee may be required to maintain a daily log of time devoted to campaign activity, subject to periodic inspection by the employee's supervisor. By way of further example, in arranging the division of time between University duties and campaigning, a member of the instructional faculty should not be permitted to reschedule class meeting times or office hours for counseling students, if students thereby would be inconvenienced. Academic administrators shall monitor closely a faculty member's compliance with the terms of the understanding reached with the Board of Trustees, consistent with the Board of Governors' directions.

D. Leaves of absence during candidacy

If a University employee concludes or the Board of Trustees determines that engaging in a contemplated political campaign will prevent the employee from meeting full-time employment responsibilities, the employee may request a leave of absence, either partial or full, with corresponding reduction in or suspension of pay. The presentation of petitions in support of a request for such leave must follow the same schedule as prescribed above for efforts at rebuttal of presumed conflicts, that is, by November 1 with respect to May primary contests and July 1 for the general election. In fact, if an employee seeks to be excused from the resignation requirement by rebutting the presumption of conflict, his or her petition on that subject should be accompanied by a petition for leave, to address the contingency of a finding by the Board of Trustees that the presumption has not been rebutted.

Attachment 1 includes a petition form to be used by University employees to describe the nature and extent of leave requested, with accompanying representations from responsible University administrators about the feasibility of the proposal, that is, whether it would be possible satisfactorily to cover the duties of the employee while he or she was absent. If an employee seeks a partial leave of absence, the type of quantification effort described above, with respect to rebuttal of presumed conflict, would be necessary. A listing of duties to be performed and duties not to be performed would be required, which would account for the total full-time employment responsibilities of the employee; and, derivatively, a judgment then could be made about what percentage reduction in salary would be required.

In the context of faculty employment, the Board of Governors already is on record prohibiting a partial leave in the form of interrupting instructional responsibilities during

an academic term; that is, if a faculty member is assigned a course to teach for a semester, he or she will not be permitted to discontinue the instruction of that course (actual teaching hours and directly related instructional responsibilities, such as advising enrolled students) part way through the term by using a substitute teacher.

V. Addressing conflicts of time as an officeholder

The Board of Governors' Policy states that any employee who becomes an officeholder must insure that holding public office does not conflict with or detract from the satisfactory performance of University employment obligations. With respect to part-time officeholding, the Policy distinguishes between major offices (entailing compensation that is more than nominal) and minor offices (entailing nominal compensation), with corresponding presumptions about resulting conflicts with University employment. An affected employee who intends to hold such an office must pursue the same options concerning rebuttal of presumptions or leaves of absence as are applicable to candidacies for election. Attachment 1 includes provisions that address those questions. Because the deadline for filing petitions for leaves of absence is November 1, which precedes the usual date of the general election, a candidate for election in November must file his or her petition in advance of the election, on the assumption that he or she will be elected, so as to permit timely action by the Board of Trustees before he or she assumes office.

With respect to appointive officeholding, and subject to all other Board of Governors' requirements controlling political officeholding, if circumstances do not permit a prospective appointee to file a required petition on the schedule otherwise prescribed for prospective officeholders, the petition may be submitted to and resolved by the Chancellor for faculty and EPA non faculty personnel. In such cases, however, it remains University policy that the prospective appointee will lose University employment if he or she assumes the appointive office before receiving an affirmative response from the alternative decisionmaker. Thus, even under this expedited procedure, in some cases the prospective appointee may have to defer acceptance of the appointment beyond the normal starting date for the public office. When this alternative procedure is used, the Chancellor in each instance shall report the action taken to the Committee on University Governance of the Board of Governors through the President.

VI. These directions are effective as of August 1, 1993.

**Attachment 1****INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES WHO INTEND TO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR OR HOLDERS OF POLITICAL OFFICES**

These instructions pertain to University employees exempt from the State Personnel Act who intend to be candidates for election or appointment to or to hold part-time offices for which compensation is more than nominal

1. An affected employee must use the forms/format prescribed herein.
2. Contact the Office of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel for advice and assistance. Petitions required by these instructions should be addressed to the Chancellor.
3. Any petitions required by these instructions should be submitted as early as possible, but no later than the following:

<u>For affected academic periods beginning:</u>	<u>Completed petition to be received by Chancellor:</u>	<u>Completed petition to be received by Board of Trustees:</u>
January (e.g., for a May primary contest)	October 15 of preceding year	November 1 of preceding year
May/June (e.g., for fall elections affecting summer employment)	March 15	April 1
August/September (e.g., for fall general election)	June 15	July 1
Other periods	90 days prior to beginning of period	60 days prior to beginning of period

4. An employee submitting a petition must present it and all accompanying information through the normal administrative chain to the Chancellor, in a timely manner, as the basic information upon which they may rely in reaching conclusions required of them as part of the petition process. Any such official may require additional information or explanation from the petitioner, to aid his/her evaluation of the petition.
5. A separate petition is required for action by the Board of Trustees with respect to each stage of involvement in political candidacy and officeholding. For example, an employee who proposes to become a candidate for election to the General Assembly must: (1) present an initial petition to the Board of Trustees by no later than November 1 if he or she intends to be a candidate in the forthcoming May primary; (2) if successful in the primary, present a petition by no later than July 1 if he or she intends to be a candidate in the November general election; (3) in anticipation of success in the general election, present a petition by no later than November 1 of the election year, with respect to

service in the General Assembly during the following year, and thereafter for each succeeding year of service. With respect to a member of the faculty who is elected to the General Assembly, it would be necessary to submit a timely petition for each semester of University employment during which he or she held such office.

6. Whether the petition relates to candidacy or officeholding, the petition form accords the employee more than one option that could be used to resolve the presumed conflict with University employment, e.g., (a) to rebut the presumption, (b) to seek a partial leave of absence, or (c) to seek a full leave of absence. Typically, an employee may prefer to avoid a leave of absence by seeking to demonstrate that his or her candidacy or officeholding, contrary to the presumption, in fact will not conflict with University employment. If his or her petition as initially submitted is limited to that choice, and it is not successful, there may not be sufficient time within the schedule established by the Board of Trustees to file a followup petition seeking a leave of absence. Thus, every petitioner is advised to submit a petition that anticipates all contingencies by requesting all of the relevant outcomes alternatively, viz., first choice, a demonstration of grounds for rebutting the presumption that there is a conflict; but failing that, a request for a partial leave of absence and corresponding reduction in pay; and, failing that, a request for a full leave of absence without pay.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**  
**PETITION REGARDING POLITICAL ACTIVITY:**  
**Part-Time Office for Which Compensation is More Than Nominal**

FROM: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Academic Affairs Committee  
 UNC-CH Board of Trustees  
 c/o Office of the Chancellor  
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 CB# 9100, 103 South Building  
 Carolina Campus

SUBJECT: Request for review of proposed political candidacy or officeholding

A. In accordance with The University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Policy regarding political activities of its employees, this petition concerns:

( ) My intention to campaign for election to a major part-time political office

Title of office: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary or general election date: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of proposed campaign activity: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) My intention to occupy a major part-time political office, either elective or appointive

Title of office: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of office: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of employment affected: \_\_\_\_\_

B. With respect to my candidacy for election to political office, I request permission:

( ) To maintain my full-time University employment while campaigning; in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
2. An explanation of proposed campaign activity, demonstrating how such activity will be limited to available personal time, so as not to interfere with the satisfactory performance of full-time employment responsibilities (Attachment B)

3. The written concurrence of my supervisors in the conclusion that engagement in campaign activities will not interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full-time employment responsibilities

( ) If my request to maintain full-time employment is denied, to take a partial leave of absence, with corresponding reduction in pay, for the period \_\_\_\_\_ (dates of leave); in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
2. An explanation of proposed campaign activity (Attachment B)
3. Identification of those employment responsibilities that I propose not to meet, consistent with such a partial leave of absence, and calculation of percentage reduction in employment time (Attachment C)
4. Assurances by my supervisors that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to insure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.

( ) If my request to maintain full-time employment or to be granted a partial leave is denied, to take a full leave of absence, without pay, for the period \_\_\_\_\_ (dates of leave); in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
2. Assurances by my supervisors that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to insure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.

C. With respect to my occupancy of a major part-time office, I request permission:

( ) To maintain my full-time University employment while holding office; in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
2. An explanation of the time requirements associated with holding the public office, demonstrating how such activity will be limited to available personal time, so as not to interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full-time employment responsibilities (Attachment D)
3. The written concurrence of my supervisors and the Chancellor in the conclusion that the time requirements associated with holding the public office will not interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full-time employment responsibilities.

( ) If my request to maintain full-time employment is denied, to take a partial leave of absence, with corresponding reduction in pay, for the period of officeholding; in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
2. An explanation of the time requirements associated with holding the public office (Attachment D)
3. Identification of those employment responsibilities that I propose not to meet, consistent with such a partial leave of absence, and calculation of percentage reduction in employment time (Attachment C)
4. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to insure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.

( ) If my request to maintain full-time employment or to be granted a partial leave is denied, to take a full leave of absence, without pay, for the period \_\_\_\_\_ (dates of leave); in support of my request I have provided/attached:

1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A).
2. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to insure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.

D. With respect to any request embodied in this petition, the petitioner should offer any additional written explanation or information that in his or her judgment would assist supervisors, the Chancellor, or the Board of Trustees in making a decision whether to grant the request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chancellor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approval by The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Secretary of The Board of Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PETITION ATTACHMENT A**

Detailed account of anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment; the information to be provided presupposes a standard eight-hour work day and a forty-hour work week and requires a demonstration of how that amount of employment time is accounted for and scheduled; the petitioner may supplement this form with a narrative account that further explains employment obligations and time commitments.

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Name of Petitioner	Employment period affected
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1. Non-faculty employees (for those employees who regularly follow a standard eight-hour day and forty-hour week).

Length of required work day: \_\_\_\_\_ (number of hours)

Hours of work, from \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m.) to \_\_\_\_\_ (p.m.)

Days of week to which scheduled work applies: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Faculty employees (and other employees who do not necessarily follow standard schedule of eight-hour days and forty-hour weeks)

<u>Duties</u>	<u>Hours per week</u> (average)	<u>% of total</u>
Teaching (classroom, laboratory, etc.)	_____	_____
Instructional preparation	_____	_____
Counseling students	_____	_____
Other instructional responsibilities	_____	_____
Evaluating student performance	_____	_____
Research and writing	_____	_____
Institutional Committee service	_____	_____
Administrative service	_____	_____
Current professional development	_____	_____
Other (specify) _____	_____	_____
Totals:	_____	_____
	Hours/week	

**PETITION ATTACHMENT B**

Explanation of nature, extent and schedule of proposed campaign activity.

**PETITION ATTACHMENT C**

Identification of employment responsibilities not to be performed pursuant to partial leave of absence.

<u>Duties to be eliminated or reduced</u>	<u>Hours per week</u> (average)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Totals	_____
	hours/week

Percentage reduction in weekly employment time: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Policies of the Board of Governors do not permit partial or full leaves of absence, for a portion of a semester, that would affect adversely the instructional services available to students, e.g., substituting another instructor for the petitioner to teach a course for a portion of the academic term (as distinguished from such substitution for the full term).

**PETITION ATTACHMENT D**

Explanation of nature, extent and schedule of required duties as officeholder.

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Amended 02/08/85

### **POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, as private citizens all University employees retain the rights and obligations of citizenship, including freedom to engage in political activities; and

WHEREAS, certain types of activities by University employees related to governmental and political processes may be incompatible with the general responsibilities of public employment or with the particular responsibilities of University employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors on September 13, 1974, adopted policies concerning political activities pertaining only to certain designated employees of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it desirable to have one set of policies on this subject that will apply to all University employees, with exception only of those who are subject to the State Personnel System;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA:**

1. Definitions. For purposes of this resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated:
  - a. "Employees" means all employees of The University of North Carolina and of the constituent institutions who are exempt from the State Personnel System (Article 1 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes).
  - b. "Senior Administrative Officers" means the President and all employees on the President's staff and the Chancellors and senior officials of the constituent institutions, including persons at the rank of vice chancellor, provost, dean, and other positions of equivalent rank and responsibility.
  - c. "Public office" means any national, state, or local governmental position of public trust and responsibility, whether elective or appointive, which is created, prescribed, or recognized by constitution, statute, or ordinance (other than within The University of North Carolina).
  - d. "Compensation Which is More Than Nominal" means compensation over and above (1) payments in the nature of reimbursements for expenses incurred by the office holder incident to holding office (whether calculated on an average per diem basis or on an actual-expense basis) plus (2) the amount of per diem compensation prescribed by N.C.G.S. § 138-5(a)(1) (currently established to be \$15 per diem).

2. Holding Public Offices Concurrent With University Employment.

a. Full-Time Public Offices.

Upon election to or acceptance of appointment to a public office requiring full-time service an employee of the University will be deemed to have resigned from his or her University employment; provided, that if deemed practicable by the University, an affected employee may be granted a full leave of absence from University employment, without pay, to coincide with the period of public service, with such period of leave not to exceed two years in any case; such a request for leave shall be addressed to and resolved by the Board of Governors, shall be transmitted through the President, and shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the appropriate Chancellor in any case pertaining to an institutional employee (if the request for leave pertains to a Chancellor, it shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Trustees).

b. Part-Time Public Offices For Which Compensation Is More Than Nominal.

If a University employee is elected to or accepts appointment to a public office requiring part-time service, for which compensation is more than nominal (including membership in the General Assembly), it shall be presumed that holding such public office creates a conflict of time or interest which interferes with responsibilities owed the University and which requires the affected employee either to procure an appropriate leave of absence or to resign from University employment. If prior to assuming the public office the affected employee by petition is able to establish to the satisfaction of the University that, contrary to the presumption, holding such public office in fact will not create a conflict of time or interest which interferes with responsibilities owed the University, the resignation requirement shall not be applicable; if consistent with the presumption of the resignation requirement is found to be applicable, upon request by the affected employee and if deemed practicable by the University the employee may be granted a full or partial leave of absence from University employment, with corresponding suspension of or reduction in pay, applicable to the period for public service (if a full leave of absence is deemed necessary and is granted, it shall not exceed two years in any case; if a partial leave of absence is deemed necessary and is granted, the period of leave shall be at the discretion of the University). Such petitions for leave by senior administrative officers (and by all other employees if the petition is for service in the General Assembly) shall be addressed to and resolved by the Board of Governors, shall be transmitted through the President, and shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the appropriate Chancellor in any case pertaining to an institutional employee (if the request for leave pertains to a Chancellor, it shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Trustees); such petitions for leave by University employees other than senior administrative officers (with the exception of petitions for service in the General Assembly) shall be addressed to and resolved by the Appropriate Board of Trustees and shall be transmitted through the Chancellor. With respect to each such decision rendered by a Board of Trustees, the Chancellor shall transmit to the Committee on University Governance of the Board of Governors a report, containing such information as the committee may specify, concerning the action of the Board of Trustees.

c. Part-Time Offices For Which Compensation Is Only Nominal.

Election to or acceptance of appointment to a public office requiring part-time service, for which no compensation is paid or for which the compensation paid is only nominal, shall be presumed not to create a conflict of time or interest which interferes with responsibilities owed the University; provided, that if the President (with respect to senior administrative officers) or the Chancellor (with respect to other employees) believes that, contrary to the presumption, there will be a conflict of time or interest in the particular case, the question may be referred for resolution by either the Board of Governors or the appropriate Board of Trustees (depending on whether or not the employee is a senior administrative officer). Any employee who files as a candidate for or intends to accept appointment to such a public office must file promptly with his or her immediate supervisor a written statement setting forth the amount of any payments to which the holder of such office is entitled as officeholder.

3. Candidacy For Elective Public Office.

a. Full-Time Offices.

The candidacy of a University employee for election to a public office requiring full-time service is presumed to create a conflict of time which interferes with the performance of responsibilities owed the University and requires the affected employee either to procure an appropriate leave of absence or to resign from University employment. If prior to announcing his or her candidacy the affected employee by petition is able to establish to the satisfaction of the University that, contrary to the presumption, such candidacy in fact will not create a conflict of time which interferes with responsibilities owed the University, the resignation requirement shall not be applicable; if consistent with the presumption the resignation requirement is found to be applicable, upon request by the affected employee and if deemed practicable by the University the employee may be granted a full or partial leave of absence from University employment, with corresponding suspension of or reduction in pay, to be coextensive with the period of candidacy. Such petitions and/or requests for leave shall be addressed to and resolved by the Board of Governors, shall be transmitted through the President, and shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the appropriate Chancellor in any case pertaining to an institutional employee (if the request for leave pertains to a Chancellor, it shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Trustees).

b. Part-Time Offices For Which Compensation Is More Than Nominal.

The candidacy of a University employee for election to a public office requiring part-time service, for which compensation is more than nominal (including membership in the General Assembly), is presumed to create a conflict of time which interferes with the performance of responsibilities owed the University and requires the affected employee either to procure an appropriate leave of absence or to resign from University employment. If prior to announcing his or her candidacy the affected employee by petition is able to establish to the satisfaction of the University that,

contrary to the presumption, such candidacy in fact will not create a conflict of time which interferes with responsibilities owed the University, the resignation requirement shall not be applicable; if consistent with the presumption the resignation requirement is found to be applicable, upon request by the affected employee and if deemed practicable by the University the employee may be granted a full or partial leave of absence from University employment, with corresponding suspension of or reduction in pay, to be coextensive with the period of candidacy. Such petitions for leave by senior administrative officers (and by all other employees if the petition concerns candidacy for the General Assembly) shall be addressed to and resolved by the Board of Governors, shall be transmitted through the President and shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the appropriate Chancellor in any case pertaining to an institutional employee (if the request for leave pertains to a Chancellor, it shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Trustees); such petitions for leave by University employees other than senior administrative officers (with the exception of petitions concerning candidacy for the General Assembly) shall be addressed to and resolved by the appropriate Board of Trustees and shall be transmitted through the Chancellor. With respect to each such decision rendered by a Board of Trustees, the Chancellor shall transmit to the Committee on University Governance of the Board of Governors a report, containing such information as the committee may specify, concerning the action of the Board of Trustees.

c. Part-Time Offices For Which Compensation Is Only Nominal.

The candidacy of a University employee for election to a public office requiring part-time service, for which no compensation is paid or for which the compensation paid is only nominal, is presumed not to create a conflict of time which interferes materially with responsibilities owed the University; provided, that if the President (with respect to senior administrative officers) or the Chancellor (with respect to other employees) believes that, contrary to the presumption, there will be a material conflict of time in the particular case, the question may be referred for resolution by either the Board of Governors or the appropriate Board of Trustees (depending on whether or not the employee is a senior administrative officer). Any employee who files as a candidate for such a public office must file promptly with his or her immediate supervisor a written statement setting forth the amount of any payments to which the holder of such office is entitled as officeholder.

4. Political Campaign Activities.

With respect to his or her own candidacy for election to public office or to any other person's candidacy for election to public office, no University employee shall:

- a. Use University funds, services, supplies, vehicles, or other property to support or oppose the candidacy of any person for elective public office;
- b. Make any promise of preferential treatment (or actually confer such preference) or make any threat of detrimental treatment (or actually impose such detriment) to any person, with respect to any condition or incident of employment over which the employee has authority, control, or influence, for purposes of inducing support of or opposition to any candidate for elective public office.

Violation of the prohibitions contained in subparagraphs a. and b., above, shall be cause for appropriate disciplinary action, including discharge from employment.

5. Other Leaves of Absence for Senior Administrative Officers.

A senior administrative officer who desires a leave of absence for purposes other than political candidacy or office holding may petition the University for such a leave in the following manner: (a) with respect to periods of leave not to exceed 90 days, the petition shall be addressed to and resolved by the President, who shall report to the Board of Governors all such leave arrangements as he or she may grant; (b) with respect to periods of leave to exceed 90 days, the petition shall be addressed to and resolved by the Board of Governors, shall be transmitted through the President, and shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the appropriate Chancellor in any case pertaining to an institutional employee (if the request for leave pertains to a Chancellor, it shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Trustees).

6. Appeals.

With respect to any decision reached by a Board of Trustees as prescribed in Sections 2 and 3 of this Resolution, an employee aggrieved by the decision may appeal to the Board of Governors only on the basis of an allegation that such decision was contrary to the provisions of this Resolution. Any such appeal shall be addressed to the Chancellor for transmission to the President, who in turn will transmit the appeal to the Board of Governors.

7. Effective Date.

The requirements of this Resolution shall be applicable prospectively only, on and after the date of adoption by the Board of Governors. No change in the employment status of an employee who was an incumbent in a public office as of the adoption date of this Resolution shall be required under the terms of this Resolution for the balance of the term of office being served on the effective date of this Resolution.

8. Relation to State Laws.

The foregoing regulations as adopted by the Board of Governors are designed to supplement, and do not purport in any way to supplant or modify, those statutory enactments which may govern or limit the political activities of employees of the State of North Carolina.

9. Repeal of Prior Enactments.

With respect to the resolution of the Board of Governors entitled "Policies Concerning Senior Administrative Officers of The University of North Carolina" which was adopted under date of September 13, 1974, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of said resolution are repealed; additionally, the resolution of the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina entitled "Statement of Policy on Elective Office-Holding" which was adopted under date of November 14, 1969, is repealed.