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To: Interested Parties
From: Pete McDonough
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Re: Guidance on University Policy 50.3.4
Electoral Political Activities and the Use of University Resources

This memo is to provide some clarity with respect to University Policy 50.3.4. This policy governs the use of University resources for political purposes and is in force to ensure that University behaviors and practices are consistent with the Rutgers Act of 1956. That Act states that:

18A:65-27. Public policy of state

- I. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the State of New Jersey that:
- a. the corporation and the university shall be and continue to be given a high degree of self-government and that the government and conduct of the corporation and the university shall be free of partisanship;

While the policy specifically references “political campaign for public office,” common sense would dictate that to be consistent with the Rutgers Act and with provisions of the federal tax code, University resources are not to be expended for campaigns in support or opposition to ballot initiatives nor should they be expended for events that support a political party.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 848-932-2468.