

**Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 23 (7) (f) [NEW]**

**Policy Statement Regarding Use of System Facilities for Political Events**

The primary mission of NSHE and its institutions is to educate students. In that regard, we share a common interest in making public facilities reasonably available for first amendment activities, including political candidates and events. In allowing such use, NSHE and its institutions must use care to avoid the appearance of partisanship, i.e. that the institution favors any particular candidate or party.

Single candidate events should generally be expected to pay standard facility use charges, together with any out of pocket costs, such as security, that the institution incurs as part of the event. The institution should seek advance payment of these estimated costs.

Recognized student clubs or faculty groups may sponsor candidate appearances/events if permitted by institution policy, which may result in waiver of facility use charges under institution policy. Any out of pocket costs incurred by the institution should still be paid. Student governments and institutional business of facilities officers should seek to track such appearances and encourage compliance with Section 7(b) above.

The institution may choose to host multi-candidate events as an educational service to the college or university community and the public. At the election of the institution, these events may be without charge to the candidates, whether for use of the facilities or security, as long as the institution makes its facilities available, if requested, on the same basis to all political parties.

In addition, NRS Chapter 239, Section 1 as applied to political parties may limit the fees that may