

Northern Marianas College  
**Board of Regents Policy**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Board Operations</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	<b>August 08, 2013</b>
<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>POLICY NAME:</b>	<b>Political Activities</b>
<b>WSCUC Standard/Policy:</b>	<b>Standard III CFR's 3.6; 3.9</b>		
<p>The Board of Regents recognizes the importance of, and encourages, participation by individuals in the political, social, and economic affairs of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the United States (U.S.). While the Board respects the deep concern of individual faculty members and students about current events and issues, and the committed desire to participate actively in elections, we must emphasize the distinction between involvement of an individual and the involvement of the College. The Board affirms its traditional concern for the well-being of the society; at the same time, the College must remain outside the political arena. Adjustment of the academic calendar in order to free students, faculty, or other employees to engage in political activity is not consistent with the foregoing affirmation.</p> <p>The Board does not believe it legitimate or wise for this College to make political commitments. Further, Northern Marianas College (NMC) participation in political activity, however worthy that activity be in itself, would raise many legal questions.</p>			
<b>HISTORY:</b>	Replaces Board Policy No. 301.2 (Academic Policy: May 21, 2012: Replaces Board Policy Human Resources Part VII. Political Activities as amended on 3/11/2011)		