Purpose: The state Constitution, state and federal laws, and the Ethics in Public Service Act strictly prohibit State employees from using the facilities of state offices or state resources to assist a political candidate’s election campaign or to promote or oppose a ballot proposition.

Scope: All state officers and employees

Definitions: De-minimis use: An infrequent or occasional use that result in little or no actual cost to the state.

Policy or Procedure:
1. The section of the GRCC Ethics Policy that specifically addresses Expenditures for Political Activities is “Use of Public Resources for Political Campaigns.”
2. The allowance for de minimis use does not apply to political or campaign activities.
3. Questions and/or clarifications of the policy can be addressed to the Green River Community College Ethics Committee (see Gatornet for listing of members https://www.gatornet.greenriver.edu/committees/Ethics.htm), or the Washington State Executive Ethics Board at ethics@atg.wa.gov.

Specific Authority:
RCW 42.52.180; WAC 292-110-010; Green River Community College Ethics Policy; Ethics in Government Act

Law Implemented:
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