



all levels of government and other pertinent agencies to ensure consistency of intent, purpose and accuracy, providing approval of materials, content of testimonies, and accuracy of positions to be represented.

- E. This policy shall in no way be interpreted as preventing University faculty or staff members from presenting to members of local, state or federal government offices their personal or professional opinion(s) on an issue. However, faculty or staff members of the University should recognize and be sensitive to the fact that when they discuss matters relating to health, health care delivery, health professions education, health research, or related matters, regardless of their intention to express only their personal or professional point of view, they nonetheless tend to be construed as representing the University. Therefore, when speaking or writing as private citizens, although faculty and staff members are free from the University's censorship or discipline, they should be accurate, exercise appropriate restraint, show respect for the opinion of others and clearly indicate that they are not acting as spokespersons for the University.

When such personal and individual matters are discussed with members of the local, state or federal government, faculty or staff members are requested to notify the Vice President for Government Affairs and/or the Department of Government Affairs. The Department of Government Affairs should also keep the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance equally aware of such information.

By Direction of the President

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Vice President for Government Affairs