

FANSHAWE COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' POLICY MANUAL

CATEGORY D – EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

TITLE: THE USE OF LOBBYISTS AND POLITICAL ADVOCACY

POLICY NUMBER: **D-03**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2024 06 06

REFERENCE: 49404, 55101, 61107

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010 and the Ministry's Binding Policy Directive regarding the Governance and Accountability Framework. These two governing documents have placed restrictions on the use of government funds with engaging lobbyists or lobbyist services.

Given that the College is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada), the College may only engage in advocacy if it furthers its charitable purpose provided that the College never directly or indirectly supports or opposes a political party or candidate for public office. The College must adhere to the Canada Revenue Agency's Guidance CG-027 on public policy dialogue and development activities by charities

THE POLICY:

1. The President shall not expend College funds in support of politicians or political parties at the municipal, provincial, or federal levels or on the engagement of lobbyists or lobbyist services.

MONITORING:

The President shall provide to the Board an annual statement that he/she has neither caused nor permitted the expenditure of any College funds to politicians, political parties, lobbyists or lobbyist services.

NOTES:

This policy does not preclude individuals from participating in fundraising events for political parties or politicians as long as College funds are not used.