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AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-1647; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.**

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1647, to read:

4 15-1647. Office of public policy events; duties; definitions

5 A. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ESTABLISH, FUND AND STAFF AN
6 OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS AT EACH UNIVERSITY UNDER THE BOARD'S
7 JURISDICTION.

8 B. EACH OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS SHALL:

9 1. ORGANIZE, PUBLICIZE AND STAGE DEBATES, GROUP FORUMS AND
10 INDIVIDUAL LECTURES THAT ADDRESS, FROM MULTIPLE, DIVERGENT AND OPPOSING
11 PERSPECTIVES, AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES THAT ARE WIDELY
12 DISCUSSED AND DEBATED IN SOCIETY AT LARGE.

13 2. INVITE SPEAKERS WHO HOLD WIDELY DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES, FROM
14 WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY, TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATES, GROUP FORUMS
15 AND INDIVIDUAL LECTURES. THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS SHALL
16 PRIORITIZE INVITING SPEAKERS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY WHO HOLD
17 PERSPECTIVES ON WIDELY DEBATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES THAT ARE OTHERWISE
18 POORLY REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS.

19 3. IF NECESSARY, PROVIDE HONORARIA AND TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES
20 TO PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY WHO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATES, GROUP
21 FORUMS AND INDIVIDUAL LECTURES THAT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS
22 ORGANIZES.

23 4. MAINTAIN A PERMANENT, PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE, SEARCHABLE AND
24 CURRENT CALENDAR THAT LISTS ALL EVENTS THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS
25 ORGANIZES AND ALL OTHER DEBATES, GROUP FORUMS AND INDIVIDUAL LECTURES THAT
26 ADDRESS PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AND THAT ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE CAMPUS
27 COMMUNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE CALENDAR SHALL INCLUDE THE TITLE OF EACH
28 EVENT, THE NAME AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION OF THE SPEAKER OR SPEAKERS
29 AND THE OFFICE, INSTITUTE, DEPARTMENT, PROGRAM OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS
30 SPONSORING THE EVENT. THE CALENDAR IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE EVENTS THAT
31 ARE SPONSORED BY OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS IN RENTED FACILITIES. THE OFFICE OF
32 PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS SHALL POST THIS CALENDAR ONLINE AND PREPARE A PRINTED
33 COPY FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST AND SHALL RETAIN ALL
34 CALENDARS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

35 5. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH
36 YEAR THEREAFTER, TRANSMIT BOTH A PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE
37 CALENDAR PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC
38 YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE
39 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

40 6. MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ONLINE A COMPLETE VIDEO RECORD OF EVERY
41 DEBATE, GROUP FORUM AND INDIVIDUAL LECTURE THAT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
42 POLICY EVENTS ORGANIZES. THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS SHALL DO ALL
43 OF THE FOLLOWING:

44 (a) POST THE VIDEO OF EACH EVENT ONLINE WITHIN TEN IN-SESSION
45 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

1 (b) MAINTAIN EACH VIDEO ONLINE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AFTER THE
2 DATE OF THE EVENT.

3 (c) PERMANENTLY PRESERVE VIDEOS OF EACH DEBATE, GROUP FORUM AND
4 INDIVIDUAL LECTURE THAT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS ORGANIZES AT
5 THE UNIVERSITY AND MAKE THESE VIDEOS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

6 7. OPEN EACH DEBATE, GROUP FORUM AND INDIVIDUAL LECTURE THAT THE
7 OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS ORGANIZES TO ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND
8 STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY AND, UNLESS RESTRICTING ATTENDANCE BY PERSONS
9 UNAFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A COMPELLING
10 GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST, TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

11 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE ARIZONA BOARD
12 OF REGENTS MAY ASSIGN THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS
13 PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION TO AN EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE
14 OFFICE AT A UNIVERSITY. IF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS ASSIGNS THE
15 DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS TO AN EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE
16 OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL
17 DESIGNATE AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THAT OFFICE AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY
18 EVENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY, AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO THE
19 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS AND THE DIRECTOR'S STAFF.

20 D. THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO
21 EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING AND
22 ANALYTICS OR TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY GENERAL COUNSEL.

23 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

24 1. "DEBATE" MEANS AN EVENT AT WHICH TWO OR MORE PARTICIPANTS SPEAK
25 IN FAVOR OF OPPOSING APPROACHES TO THE SAME PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE, AFTER
26 WHICH EACH PARTICIPANT IS ALLOTTED TIME TO ADDRESS AND REBUT THE POSITION
27 PRESENTED BY THE OPPOSING SPEAKER OR SPEAKERS.

28 2. "GROUP FORUM" MEANS AN EVENT AT WHICH TWO OR MORE SPEAKERS
29 ADDRESS A PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE FROM DIVERGENT OR OPPOSING PERSPECTIVES,
30 AFTER WHICH EACH PARTICIPANT IS ALLOTTED TIME TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS FROM
31 THE AUDIENCE AND TO COMMENT ON FELLOW SPEAKERS' POSITIONS IF THE
32 PARTICIPANT CHOOSES.