

WHEATON COLLEGE
Norton, Massachusetts

To: Members of the Faculty

The President and staff of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts have suggested some guidelines for colleges and universities to assure that resources are not illegally used for political purposes. I am asking the Board of Trustees to accept these guidelines, originally developed by Princeton and Harvard, as Wheaton's official policy. In the meantime, they will govern administrative actions and decisions.

1. Neither the name or seal of the College or of any of its schools or institutions should be used on letters or other written material intended for political purposes, including the solicitation of funds for political purposes or activities.
2. No College office and no Faculty or staff member's office should be used as a return mailing address for the solicitation of funds for political purposes, or the solicitation of endorsement of candidates for public office, or support for proposed legislation.
3. In political correspondence, the College title of a Faculty or staff member should be used only for identification and only when accompanied by a statement that the individual is speaking for himself and not as a representative of the College.
4. Whenever College duplicating machines, computers or other equipment or supplies are used for political or other non-College purposes, their use must be fully compensated for from private funds.
5. No office employee nor other employee of the College should be asked to perform tasks in any way related to political activities while on regular duty.
6. In no case should any action be taken which might implicate or be thought to implicate the College in any political activities.

W. C. H. Prentice
President

June 15, 1970

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May 21, 1970

Dear Senator Percy:

I cannot support your suggestion that college and university presidents suspend classes for at least one week prior to next fall's congressional elections. Indeed, I consider it an irresponsible suggestion. Why should students turn their back on their fundamental responsibilities any more than physicians, businessmen, or housewives? There is no reason why students cannot participate in congressional elections the way the rest of us do, namely, by making mature decisions concerning the sacrifices that are justified by the importance of the election. If students are not willing to cut classes, miss assignments, and accept the consequences, their devotion to political action cannot be very great. The action that you propose will also prepare our students very poorly for the responsibilities of later life.

I hope you will reconsider and rescind your suggestion.

Sincerely,

W. C. H. Prentice
President

Senator Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. William C. H. Prentice, President
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 9, 1970

June 4, 1970

Dear Bill:

I pass this along because it is something that you should know about. I would like to have it back and I ask that you do not communicate with Paul about it without telling Charles that you will do so.

As you know, I am quite unsympathetic to this type of thing. If anyone needed evidence, our meeting of the Committee on Administration yesterday proved conclusively that a large number of students took advantage of the strike situation to relax the pressures on themselves and very few had pass-fail grades or incomplete grades because of political commitment or political activities. While I am sympathetic to Maud Marshall's proposal that we allow a girl to take three and one-half courses one semester and four and one-half courses another semester, I do not want students around the campus carrying partial course loads. I think that there is something educationally sound in requiring that all students be full-time students and granting only an occasional exception. Our strike and other experiences do not indicate that reduced loads would be used for better scholarly activity the way Mr. Helmreich suggests. Above all, I think that we should do everything in our power to see to it that this concept does not reach the floor of the faculty meeting unless it has received careful and thorough consideration by the Committee on Educational Policy. Charles is negatively inclined toward this proposal and did not submit it to the Committee on Administration. He saw no reason to go beyond the Advisory Committee's recommendations. At the moment I am particularly concerned that we honestly try, within the guidelines set by the Advisory Committee and the Committee on Administration, to be as flexible as possible in meeting the particular issues which will undoubtedly appear next fall.

I don't know if anyone else will agree with my point of view. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the matter sometime, if you should get a free moment to consider them.

Mr. William C. H. Prentice, President
Wheaton College
Norton, Massachusetts 02766

Regards,

Paul Helmreich

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Mr. Charles Aughtry
Associate Dean

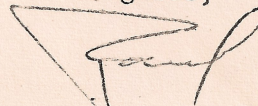
Dear Charles,

I am writing to you as the person who is most likely to find himself involved with these matters, though I recognize that this may be something which may involve the Committee on Administration. If you wish to pass on my comments to them it is perfectly acceptable to me, that you do so.

In considering the whole question of student involvement in election campaigning in the fall, it occurred to me that one way that Wheaton might well be able to provide flexibility so that a student could pursue both her academic and non-academic obligations would be to allow a student to take three courses in the first semester and five in the second semester. Generally, I might add I see no problems in this under any circumstances as long as the student is willing to pay the full college fee for each semester. It seems to me that in cases involving student teaching and honors projects, it might often be desirable to allow an unbalanced program of this nature, or even to allow a credit accumulated in an earlier year to count as a fourth course in a subsequent year. At the moment I am particularly concerned that we honestly try, within the guidelines set by the Advisory Committee and the Committee on Administration, to be as flexible as possible in meeting the particular issues which will undoubtedly appear next fall.

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June 3, 1970

To: The Faculty and Students of Wheaton College

From: The Committee on Administration

Individuals prominent in national politics and groups at some colleges and universities have been discussing an interruption of classes to permit students to participate in national political campaigns. The Advisory Committee of the faculty has considered this question and has recommended that there be no interruption of classes and that those students who feel strongly that they must devote a considerable amount of time to a political campaign this year be urged to apply to the Committee on Administration for a semester's leave of absence.

As the faculty group responsible for the integrity of the College calendar and the group authorized to grant leaves of absence, the Committee on Administration met to consider these advisory opinions. The Committee concurred unanimously with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on these two points. Accordingly, there will be no deviation from the class schedule set forth in the calendar announced by this Committee for 1970-1971. Large numbers of Wheaton students have always participated actively in national political campaigns in the past without failing to meet their educational obligations. Those students who do feel that they must engage in political activity this year to the exclusion of other activities may apply to this Committee for a leave of absence for that purpose.