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In most cases, if people breach the policy they do so unknowingly, Lechtenberg says.

"It's not an intentional act," he says. "Once the policy is brought to their attention by their supervisor, the person rectifies the situation."

Employees should direct questions about the policy to their supervisor.

Dennis Depew, dean of the College of Technology, recently attended a seminar that reviewed issues and rules surrounding political activity on campus. He plans to share the information with his deans and department heads.

"Being a faculty or staff member doesn't mean that you can't have an opinion or political beliefs or support a particular candidate," Depew says. "As a citizen, I can openly say I support a candidate. The fine line is, when am I speaking on behalf of the University in my official capacity and making a political statement and when am I just an Indiana citizen voicing my opinion. It's something we need to think about as Purdue employees."