

FSU-3.0015 Student Organizations and Activities

(1) Registered student organizations are defined as organizations that have been approved by Student Organizations & Involvement, as designee of the Vice President for Student Affairs, to function at Florida State University. Registration does not constitute university endorsement, support, or concurrence.

(2) Each registered student organization's purposes and activities shall comply with applicable provisions of the United States Constitution, federal laws, the Constitution of the State of Florida, state laws, rules and regulations of the Board of Governors, the Florida State University Board of Trustees, Florida State University, and the Florida State University Student Conduct Code, and the purposes set forth in the Student Body Constitution, and the constitution of the student organization. The student organization and its officers are responsible and accountable for all actions of the organization. Any violation of law, Board of Governors' rules and regulations, Florida State University Board of Trustees rules and regulations, or Florida State University rules shall be considered as offenses committed by the organization. Its officers or members shall be subject to action pursuant to the provisions of the Florida State University Student Conduct Code. Any violation by a student organization shall render the organization's registration subject to review and possible revocation. Benefits of registration include but are not limited to, use of university name and facilities, eligibility for activity and service fee funding, and participation in university events.

(3) All students shall be free to join registered student organizations.

(a) Except as provided in (b), Registered student organizations shall be limited to currently enrolled FSU students. Faculty and staff of Florida State University shall be free to participate in a manner that is consistent with the constitution and bylaws of the organization.

(b) Non-FSU students who are enrolled in joint FSU programs or participate in partnership programs between FSU and another institution of higher education shall be eligible for membership in registered student organizations that have received the express approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee to accept non-FSU students. Individuals

who choose to and are allowed to participate in FSU RSOs shall do so in a manner that is consistent with university policies and the constitution and bylaws of the organization. Failure to do so will result in removal of the non-FSU student from the program as well as reporting any misconduct to the non-FSU host institution. FSU RSOs that accept non-FSU students as members will remain subject to the Student Organization Conduct Code for the conduct of all its members, including non-FSU students, as will FSU RSOs that accept non-FSU students as members without the express approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee.

(4) Student organizations may be officially registered when the student organization has met appropriate requirements as outlined by the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee.

(5) The Vice President for Student Affairs or designee may place other limitations on the continued registration of student organizations.

(6) Registered student organizations may be required to have a primary advisor who is a full-time faculty or staff member of the University.

(7) All registered student organizations shall be allowed to meet on campus and to use appropriate available university facilities.

(8) Registered student organizations that are eligible for funding under the criteria set forth by the Student Government Association may apply to the Student Government Association for activity and service fee funds.

(9) Each registered student organization shall re-register no later than the deadline set forth by Student Organizations & Involvement and shall concurrently provide the University with any changes in its members and officers.

(10) In order to hold an elected or appointed student office in a registered student organization or the Student Government Association, a student must:

(a) Be registered for the minimum number of credit hours for the fall, spring, and summer terms as specified by Student Organizations & Involvement for undergraduate and graduate students unless a greater enrollment is required by the organization;

- (b) Be in good academic standing (maintain a 2.0 for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students), and be free of academic probation;
- (c) Be free of any obligation for fees or payments to the university;
- (d) Registered student organizations have the option to set standards that exceed the above stated minimum criteria.

(11) Registered student organizations that wish to use the university's name as part of their organization's name may do so as long as sponsorship or endorsement by the university is not implied or stated. If used, organizations are restricted to the following:

(a) The university's name may only appear at the end of the organizations name and should be followed by the statement "a Registered Student Organization" (i.e. Student organization at Florida State University, a Registered Student Organization)

(b) The title should follow one of these forms: (1) Florida State University; (2) FSU.

(12) Student organizations at branch campuses will be required to follow the guidelines set forth by the branch campus with which they are affiliated.

(13) Student organizations charged with offenses or any act in violation of laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures shall have their cases heard by the appropriate person or body as designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

(14) The university disclaims liability for any damage or injury that may arise out of the recognition of student organizations or their use of university facilities, whether arising out of the activities of students as individuals or whether participating with or as members of a registered student organization or any other organizational part of the Student Government Association.

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