

13.99.99.R0.35 Student Organizations

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Procedure Statement

The university recognizes the importance of student involvement in activities as an integral part of the educational process which enriches and develops students' special interests and needs. The purposes of all recognized student organizations shall be consistent with the main objectives of the university and shall abide by regulations appropriate for student organizations.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure describes the rights and responsibilities of student organizations, recognition, limitations, and functions reserved to active members.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

The Director of Student Activities of the Sam Rayburn Student Center is responsible for the implementation and administration of the procedure for student organizations.

2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Recognized student organizations exist on the premise that their activities contribute to the overall development of the student. Specific rights and responsibilities include:

2.1 The right to use the services of the Activities Center, including assistance in planning, carrying out, and evaluating activities, programs, and leadership development.

2.2 The right to use university facilities and equipment subject to proper scheduling procedure and prior needs of the university.

2.3 The right to use campus news and advertising media.

- 2.4 The right to distribute literature relating to the organization's purpose and activities, in accordance with the university's posting regulations.
- 2.5 The right to hold profit-making activities and to solicit funds for organizational activities, in accordance with university regulations.

3. ANNUAL RENEWAL

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the student organization to file a recognition renewal form each year and after each executive election. The period of recognition is for one year from October 1 until the following October 1. These forms may be obtained through the Office of Student Activities.
- 3.2 Should an organization fail to renew by the deadline, they shall be considered inactive and therefore shall reapply through the Office of Student Activities.

4. LIMITATIONS

- 4.1 Only a recognized student organization that is sponsored and financially supported by the university may use the name of the university or abbreviation of its name.
- 4.2 A recognized student organization which is not sponsored and financially supported by the university may not advertise or promote events or activities or other functions in a manner that suggests that they are sponsored by the university.
- 4.3 Each recognized student organization shall anticipate, provide for, and promptly meet its financial obligations in a business-like manner that is fair and equitable to its current and future members.
- 4.4 The organization shall not discriminate against any person due to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.
- 4.5 The organization's name must not be the same or deceptively similar to the name of any existing recognized student organization.
- 4.6 The organization must be non-profit in nature. It may not use its position to solicit or advertise for commercial purposes.
- 4.7 The organization may not, with or without the consent of the student, include hazing as one of its activities. Hazing is construed to involve dangerous, harmful, or degrading features including "walks" and "paddling" (Texas Educational Code Subchapter F, Chapter 37 Hazing, Sections 151-157, and Chapter 51 Section 936 Hazing).
- 4.8 All officers of student organizations must be students in good standing with the university as defined by the [University Catalog](#).

5. FUNCTIONS RESERVED TO ACTIVE MEMBERS

5.1 Holding an office in the organization.

5.2 Presiding, officiating, voting, making or seconding motions at any meetings of the organization.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy [Section 13. Students](#)

[Texas Educational Code Subchapter F, Chapter 37 Hazing, Sections 151-157](#), and [Chapter 51 Section 936 Hazing](#)

University Procedure [13.99.99.R0.33 Regulations and Philosophy Governing Student Activities](#)

University Procedure [13.99.99.R0.34 Probationary Status of Recognized Student Organizations](#)
[Student Guidebook](#)

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