

Interim
Recognized Student Organization Policy
at The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus

INTRODUCTION:

The Division of Student Affairs is responsible for enhancing students' academic success by developing student skills, cultivating diverse, campus life experiences and enriching the university community through programs and services.

Student Affairs supports and encourages students to gather and form community and collaboration through recognized student organizations. Students who join student organizations feel more connected to their peers, the university, and campus as well as more knowledgeable of available campus resources. Therefore, members of student organizations are more likely to graduate and report higher levels of satisfaction with their college experience. Through being involved in student organizations, students receive a multitude of skills and experiences ranging from leadership opportunities to social, intellectual and cultural development.

GOVERNING POLICIES & PRINCIPLES:

ALL recognized student organizations are responsible for understanding and adhering to the following:

- Local, state, and federal laws
- Policies and procedures of the University of Oklahoma (Including, but not limited to:)
 - Alcohol Policy (including the Three Strikes Policy)
 - Equal Opportunity Statements, Policies and Procedures
 - Exemptions may be requested on the basis of religion or single-sex social fraternities under the “Registered Student Organizations” application
 - Recognized organization’s constitution
 - Student organizations will be provided with their approved organization’s constitution. Each organization may add their own specific structure and guiding principles to the provided constitution; however, the provided constitution’s text may not be amended.
 - Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination and Harassment Policy
 - Student Government Association (SGA) Policies and Procedures
 - Student Activity Fee Funding Application Process
 - Space Allocation Application Process
 - Student Handbook Policies (Including, but not limited to:)
 - Co-Curricular Involvement Policy
 - Facility Use Policy
 - Risk Management Policy
 - Student Activities Policy
 - Student Travel Policy
 - Tailgating Policy
 - Temporary Outdoor Signage Policy
 - Student Rights and Responsibilities Code

- Members must be active, currently-enrolled OU students.
 - Dually enrolled high school students are not eligible for membership
 - Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled, and in good academic standing with their college, during their appointment or election to be eligible to serve in a leadership capacity
 - Graduate students must be currently enrolled, and in good academic standing with their college, during their appointment or election to be eligible to serve in a leadership capacity
 - All students holding leadership positions must have the required enrollment statuses at the campus where the organization is recognized

Failure to adhere to this policy and/or the guidelines within, may result in rescinded recognition and/or Student Conduct charges.

UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES:

Presidential

- Presidential programs are presidentially-created, supported and/or directed including:
 - Crimson Club
 - OU Cousins
 - President’s Community Scholars (PCS)
 - President’s Leadership Class (PLC)

Government

- The official student government of the University of Oklahoma is the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA). It serves and advocates on behalf of the student body to improve the student experience.
- Student groups may not apply to be a Government organization. However, individuals may run for an elected position within the Student Government Association. Annual registration is not required.
- Student Government Association Branches:
 - Executive Branch: General Council (GC)
 - Judicial Branch: Superior Court
 - Legislative Branch: Graduate Student Senate (GSS), Student Bar Association (SBA), Undergraduate Student Congress (Congress)
 - Programming Branch: Campus Activities Council (CAC)

RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

All student organizations recognized through the Student Life registration process will be Registered Student Organizations at The University of Oklahoma. A Registered Student Organization is a student-created organization based on interest and/or advocacy. Recognition of Registered Student Organizations shall not be construed as an agreement, support or approval by

the University, but only as an acknowledgement of the rights of the organization to exist at the University, subject to the conditions enumerated herein.

Registered Student Organizations require at least ten student members and must have a full-time University staff/faculty member as an adviser. (Part-time, PEAK, temporary and Graduate Assistant employees may not advise student organizations.) Further, no organization may serve as an “umbrella” organization, and each student organization must re-apply (re-register or renew) annually.

Registered Student Organizations

- *Interest – Registered Student Organizations (ISO)*
 - Leadership for the student organization may be elected, selected or appointed at the discretion of the organization.
 - For organization events requiring insurance, it is the responsibility of the organization to secure their own policy. More information regarding insurance may be found on the Risk Management website under “Insurance Programs.”
 - It is prohibited to use OU trademarks within ISO names.
 - Being recognized as an ISO allows students to apply for the following benefits:
 - Student Activity Fee Funds (SGA Funding Process);
 - Trademark use of *at The University of Oklahoma* following or below the ISO name on products / merchandise upon approval by Student Life and the OU Licensing and Trademark Office; however, the use of this trademark does not suggest the University endorses any particular point of view or speaker;
 - Facility Use / Campus Reservations (Student Life Process);
 - OrgSync Portal (Student Life); and
 - Office / Storage Space (SGA Space Allocation Process).
- *Departmental – Registered Student Organization (DSO)*
 - An RSO may be eligible to become a Departmental RSO if the student organization:
 - is funded in whole or part by a University department or academic unit;
 - exists for the benefit of the students involved in an academic unit and/or by promoting its awareness; or, where funded by an administrative department, the RSO exists to benefit students in the University community;
 - is directed and advised by a full-time University staff member in the specific administrative department or academic unit for which it exists, with advisory duties assigned to the RSO as part of (not less than .2 FTE) his or her job duties;

- elects their leadership through an SGA-approved election (no appointments or selections); and
 - posts all events and (open) meetings to the OrgSync public calendar.
 - A Departmental RSO is entitled to the same benefits of recognition as an Interest RSO. In addition, a Departmental RSO may apply to:
 - use accessible trademarks within its organization name upon approval by Student Life and the OU Licensing and Trademark Office which include: (Interlocking) *OU*, *Boomer Sooner*, *Oklahoma*, *Sooner(s)*, *(The) University of Oklahoma*, and campus imagery specific to the relevant department or academic unit; however, the use of accessible trademarks does not suggest the University endorses any particular point of view or speaker; and
 - request recognition on the specific administrative department or academic unit University web page at the discretion of the department/unit.
- *Sport Club – Registered Student Organization (SCSO)*
 - An RSO may be eligible to become a Sport Club RSO if the student organization:
 - is involved in regular participation in intercollegiate competitions for a specific sport requiring a reasonable degree of physical skill and/or exertion;
 - is in good standing with the University of Oklahoma;
 - has a primary mission of sports;
 - has a purpose and/or function that does not duplicate or involve a comparable activity/sport of another SCSO;
 - has a full-time University staff/faculty as an adviser(s) (and coach) who has attended the OU Fitness+Recreation (Fit+Rec) Sport Club Council Orientation meeting and met with and been approved by Fit+Rec;
 - and/or each member of the organization possess affiliation, and is in good standing, with the sport’s national organization (if affiliation with the national organization is prohibited until recognized by the University, Sport Club status may be granted on a contingent basis);
 - allows all levels of ability to join and participate in the club;
 - secures insurance through their national affiliate, or other carriers such as the TULIP program, for their members and events (more information regarding insurance may be found on the Risk Management website under “Insurance Programs”);
 - requires and obtains all members must have signed and retained the appropriate Risk Management forms. (Typical Sport Club Council members’ activities, such as practice and tournaments, are considered “Hazard Class III” as referred to in the Risk Management Policy referenced above);
 - practices and/or competitions have present at least one member with current CPR certification (water Sport Clubs must also have present at least one member with current and appropriate American Red Cross,

- YMCA, or comparable lifeguard certification), and it is highly recommended the adviser(s), coach(es), and club leadership be certified in CPR (and/or for water Sport Clubs, appropriate lifeguard training);
- operates in a safe manner within the standard rules and practices of its sport; and
 - posts all events and tryouts (if applicable) to the OrgSync public calendar (Sport Club calendars, including events, games and travel, must be submitted to Fit+Rec within the first three weeks of each semester or within the week following approval of Sport Club status).
- According to the Fit+Rec Sport Club Council, each approved Sport Club RSO:
 - may not dismiss or release the SCSO approved adviser(s) without consent from Fit+Rec, and where applicable, if a new adviser or coach is obtained after Sport Club Council membership is granted, Fit+Rec must approve the new SCSO adviser or coach prior to any commitments being made by the SCSO;
 - will be known as the “OU [ENTER SPORT NAME] Club” (no other name variations or trademarks will be accepted); and
 - may not display sponsorships on the same surface as an OU trademark (as determined by the OU Licensing and Trademark Office).
 - Being recognized as a Sport Club RSO allows students to apply for the following benefits:
 - Student Activity Fee Funds (SGA Funding Process);
 - Trademark use of the: (Interlocking) *OU*, *Boomer Sooner*, *Oklahoma Sooner(s)*, and *(The) University of Oklahoma* upon approval by Student Life and the OU Licensing and Trademark Office approval process; however, the use of accessible trademarks does not suggest the University endorses any particular point of view or speaker;
 - Facility Use / Campus Reservations (Student Life Process);
 - OU Website Recognition (through Fit+Rec); and
 - OrgSync Portal (Student Life).