UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING REGULATIONS

Subject: Student Organizations **Number:** UW Regulation 11-4



I. PURPOSE

To establish the relationship between Student Organizations and the University of Wyoming.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

Student Code of Conduct: The Student Code of Conduct outlines rights and responsibilities of students and student organizations at the University or any of its sponsored programs. The Code defines conduct offenses, outlines community values and standards, and reflects the University's commitment to equity and procedural fairness.

Student Organization: Overarching designation given to all student groups who have completed the registration requirements to be classified and formally registered with the University.

III. POLICY

Students are free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests and shall be free to determine their own membership, policies, and actions. Student Organizations must officially register with the University to receive privileges of Student Organizations. Upon registration, a Student Organization designation will be made based upon the relationship the Student Organization has with the University and privileges the Student Organization may receive as outlined in the *Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures for Student Organizations*. Student Organizations are expected to maintain alignment with the University's mission and exemplify the principles of integrity, respect, social consciousness, responsibility, and community, while acting in good faith in the business dealings of the Student Organization.

Except as specifically identified in this regulation or expressly written in any sponsorship agreement, the University does not control or accept responsibility for the activities nor endorse the programs of Student Organizations. Student Organizations shall not misrepresent the mission, purpose or goals of their organization. Students and their organizations shall clarify to the community that in their public expressions or demonstrations, the members of the organization speak only for themselves and that sponsorship of guest speakers and activities do not imply approval or endorsement by the

University of the views expressed by the speaker, the program/event, the student, or the Student Organization.

IV. TERMINATION OF AN ORGANIZATION'S RECOGNITION

- **A.** A Student Organization may voluntarily withdraw its recognition status by following the processes and procedures outlined in the Student Organization Handbook.
- **B.** Reasons for termination of an organization's recognition by the University include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Submission of material for recognition known or determined by the University to be false;
 - **2.** Failure to re-register annually;
 - 3. Failure to follow University Regulations, policies or procedures, including but not limited to UW Regulation 4-1 (Equal Education and Employment Opportunity), UW Regulation 4-2 (Discrimination and Harassment), UW Regulation 4-3 (Title IX and Sexual Misconduct), the Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures Document, and the Student Code of Conduct;
 - **4.** Failure to follow this regulation or any related policies, procedures, or handbooks:
 - 5. Failure to follow local, state, and federal laws; or
 - **6.** Failure to follow the rules, policies or guidelines of the organization's national, regional or other parent entity.
- C. No organization may have its registration denied, suspended or terminated on the basis of members' beliefs, attitudes, or goals; in particular, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran's status, or sexual orientation.
- **D.** The University maintains the right to terminate recognition or not recognize a student organization that, in the sole judgment of the University, does not adhere to or further its educational mission.
- E. A student organization may submit a written appeal to the Vice President for Student Affairs within ten business days of the decision to terminate. The Vice President shall render a written decision, including findings and rationale in support of the decision, within ten business days of receiving the appeal. The decision shall uphold the original decision, remand the decision for re-review by the Center for

Student Involvement and Leadership, or grant the appeal and permit the organization to remain recognized.

Responsible Division/Unit: Division of Student Affairs

Source: None

Links: http://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies

Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms: None

History:

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