

UCF-5.0021 Student Government and Registered Student Organizations.

(1) Student Government.

(a) Student Government shall be the official representative of all students and student functions on campus with the recognition that the ultimate authority for University affairs rests with the University's Board of Trustees, President or their designee.

(b) Student Government is authorized to make recommendations through the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services concerning all University policies, regulations and operating procedures which significantly affect students and is authorized to nominate students to serve on University committees, councils and boards which have student membership or representation.

(c) Subject to the approval of the President, Student Government may adopt a constitution and by-laws, establish appointed or elected offices and recommend employment of personnel required to carry out its functions.

(d) Through its own constitutional procedures and in accordance with Section 1009.24(9)(b), Florida Statutes, Student Government may determine the allocation and use of that portion of University fees fixed by law and designated as Activity and Service Fees.

(e) All Activity and Service Fees shall be maintained in accounts kept by the UCF Finance and Accounting Office. All contracts and purchases shall be made in accordance with university rules, and all appointments and payments of personnel shall be made in accordance with University personnel and payment procedures.

(f) Student Government shall audit all accounts which receive and/or expend Activity and Service Fees.

(g) At the end of each university fiscal year, unexpended Activity and Service Fees shall revert to Student Government for reallocation in the subsequent year.

(2) Registered Student Organizations.

(a) Any student association, group, or organization other than the Student Government Association whose objectives are consistent with the organizational goals and mission of the University is eligible for active registration. Registration is contingent upon the review and recommendation of the Office of Student Involvement, and approval of the Student Government Association and Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee.

(b) Registration of student organizations by the University shall not imply support for any student organization's purpose, philosophy, or activities. The University will not assume any legal liability for any student organization's activities.

(c) To be considered for registration, a student organization must submit in writing to the Office of Student Involvement a list of UCF student members and their UCF PID numbers, a list of all officers and their UCF PID numbers, the signature of all officers and the faculty/staff advisor(s), and the organization's constitution. Proposed student organizations must have a minimum of twelve UCF student members, except at regional campuses (which need a minimum of eight), and on a case by case basis, when affiliated with a national governing body (which needs a minimum of four). Proposed student organizations, whose mission/purpose appears to be a duplication of an existing organization, may not be recognized. No student organization may be set up so that any

individual benefits monetarily from its existence. In seeking, securing and maintaining the privilege to be registered, each student organization must agree in writing to abide by all University policies, procedures, and regulations and to hold harmless the University for any actions or activities of the organization.

(d) Student Organizations registered by the University may be granted certain privileges as established by Student Development and Enrollment Services.

(e) Organizations which violate University regulations or policies are subject to disciplinary action as would be a student who engaged in the same violations. Such disciplinary action may include:

1. Recommendation for Charter Revocation: An official request to a national office that the local chapter's charter be revoked.

2. Revocation of UCF Registration: Permanent severance of the organization's relationship with UCF.

3. Suspension of UCF Registration: Temporary severance of the organization's relationship with UCF for a specific period of time. The period of time and any requirements that must be satisfied before re-registration must be specified in the recommendation of the hearing body.

4. Probation: Temporary restrictions of certain activities on the part of the organization as defined by the hearing body and/or an officially sanctioned status of the organization whereas further violations of UCF policy could result in suspension, revocation of registration, etc.

5. Warning: An official warning that the organization's behavior is in violation of UCF policies, and that if the organization is subsequently found in violation of this policy, subsequent action may be more severe.

6. Restitution: Reimbursement for a loss caused by the organization's actions.

7. Community Service: Assignment to work a specific number of hours at a community service agency or project.

8. Mediation: Official mediation between the organization and any offended parties.

9. Restrictions: Restriction of some or all of the organization's activities or privileges, including, but not limited to, social activities, intramural competition, organizational competition, Homecoming, etc.

10. Organizational Suspension: Suspension of all organization activities with the exception of regular business meetings.

11. Required Educational Programs: Alcohol awareness programs, risk management programs, etc. for a specified percentage of organizational membership.

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