

UCF-5.0021 Student Government and Registered Student Organizations.

(1) Purpose.

- (a) The University of Central Florida encourages its students to actively participate in Student Government and Registered Student Organizations as a way of complementing and extending the classroom experience. Participation in Student Government and Registered Student Organizations is an integral part of the overall University of Central Florida experience, because it provides opportunities for students to network, to develop leadership skills, and to pursue social, civic, recreational, and career interests.
- (b) Student Government and Registered Student Organizations provide a valuable service to the University community by promoting leadership development, community spirit, activism, community service, and social and cultural interaction. Student Government and Registered Student Organizations sponsor conferences, seminars, lectures, debates, cultural and social events, and fine arts programs. These activities allow UCF students to meet and interact with local, state, nationally, and internationally renowned scholars, artists, politicians, academicians, and other professionals. Student Government and Registered Student Organization members spend countless volunteer hours each academic year participating in service projects for campus and community efforts.

(2) Student Government.

- (a) Student Government is the official representative of the student body of the University of Central Florida and aims to represent student issues and concerns at all levels of University decision making. However, Student Government must operate with the recognition that the ultimate decision making authority for University affairs rests with the University's Board of Trustees, President or their designees. The University exercises general oversight over all Student Government activities and is involved in the Student Government budget process. Student Government is subject to the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing or promulgated by the University and/or the Florida Board of Governors.
- (b) Student Government may not act as an agent for the State of Florida or the University of Central Florida. Student Government may not enter into agreements or contracts which purport to bind the University for any purpose.
- (c) Student Government may adopt internal procedures, including a constitution, bylaws, student statutes, and other student legislative acts; may establish appointed or elected student officer positions; and may recommend University employment or personnel to carry out its functions. Any internal procedures adopted by Student Government must be consistent with applicable law, UCF and Florida Board of Governors' policies and regulations, and must generally serve the best interests of the UCF Student body. Internal procedures of Student Government are not effective unless approved by University administration.
- (d) Student Government is authorized to make recommendations to or through the Vice President for Student Success and Well Being or designee concerning all University policies, regulations, and operating procedures which significantly affect students and further, is authorized to nominate students to serve on University committees, councils, and boards, which have student membership or representation.

- (e) Through its own constitutional procedures and in accordance with Section 1009.24(10)(b), Florida Statutes, Student Government may determine the allocation and expenditure of that portion of University fees fixed by law and designated as Activity and Service Fees. The University must review the Activity and Service Fee budget, and the President may veto any particular line item in the budget.
- (f) All Activity and Service Fees shall be maintained in accounts kept by the UCF Finance and Accounting Office. All contracts and purchases on behalf of Student Government shall be made in accordance with University rules, regulations, and policies, and all appointments and payments of personnel shall be made in accordance with University personnel and payment procedures.
- (g) Student Government shall audit all accounts which receive and/or expend Activity and Service Fees.
- (h) At the end of each university fiscal year, unexpended Activity and Service Fees shall revert to Student Government for reallocation in the subsequent fiscal year.

(3) Registered Student Organizations.

- (a) Any student association, group, or organization other than the Student Government Association is eligible for active registration as a Registered Student Organization. Registration is contingent upon the review and recommendation of the Office of Student Involvement, compliance with all registration requirements (including academic requirements for members) and approval of the Student Body President and the Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being or designee.
- (b) Registered Student Organizations are governed by policies adopted and executed by the Vice President for Student Success and Well-being or designee. From time to time the University may identify categories of Registered Student Organizations. Those categories may determine the level of University connection that a given Registered Student Organization may have with the University and the University resources that may be available to the Registered Student Organizations.
- (c) Registration of a student organization by the University does not imply the University's support for the purpose, philosophy, or activities of the Registered Student Organization. Registration of a student organization by the University does not mean or imply that the Registered Student Organization has been granted status as an entity or agent of the State of Florida or the University of Central Florida. The University does not and will not assume any legal liability or responsibility for the activities of a Registered Student Organization. However, pursuant to Registered Student Organization policies, some Registered Student Organizations may be sponsored and directed by the University in their organizational activities, and, as such, members of such organizations may be within University insurance coverage when acting on behalf of the University. While faculty and staff members of the University may serve in advisory capacities to student organizations, it is presumed that students of legal adult age are adults and, therefore, make and are accountable for their decisions and behaviors as individuals and as members of the organization.
- (d) Every 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, regulations of the Board of Governors or the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees, the rules and policies of the University of Central Florida, and the University of Central Florida Golden Rule, as well as the purposes delineated in the Student Body Constitution and the constitution of the respective student organization. The organization and its officers are responsible and accountable for all actions undertaken by the organization. Any violation of law, Board of Governors' rules and regulations, University of Central Florida's Board of Trustees rules and regulations, or University of Central Florida rules shall be considered as offenses committed by the organization. Its officers or members shall be subject to action pursuant to the provisions of University of Central Florida Golden Rule. Any violation by a student organization shall render the organization's registration subject to review and possible revocation.

- (e) Registered Student Organizations are subject to the Organizational Rules of Conduct – see University Regulation UCF-5.011. Registered Student Organizations that violate the Organizational Rules of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action – see University Regulation UCF-5.012.

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