



Student Organization Policy

Establishment of a Student Organization

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To ensure that student organizations or program is aligned with the University's mission, and in compliance with all federal, state, and University regulations, the University reserves the right to review and approve all proposed student organizations and student-led philanthropic projects seeking University recognition.

Student Organizations Standards

1. A full-time member of the faculty, staff, or administration must serve as the student organization's campus advisor.
2. The organization must demonstrate the ability to be a viable, functioning organization by having at least five (5) students interested in actively supporting the purpose and goals of the organization.
3. The purpose, goals, and mission of the organization must be defined and support the educational mission of the University. These items must be articulated in the student organization's constitution.
4. The purpose, goals, and mission of the organization may not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, gender identity or expression, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, veteran status, marital or parental status, pregnancy, disability, or genetic information in student admissions, financial aid, educational or athletic programs, or employment as now or may hereafter be required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, and all other applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations. Organizations that have selective membership must meet with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership to clarify membership requirements.
5. The purpose, goals, and mission of the organization may not duplicate the efforts of a pre-existing student organization at the University.
6. The organization must not promote the disregard of any policies or procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws.
7. The organization assumes responsibility for all debts and obligations to the University incurred by the organization.
8. Recognized student organizations and student-led philanthropy projects are required to register with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership electronically at the start of each semester.
9. Recognized student organizations are required to have a current constitution or operating document on file at all times with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership. Constitutions or operating documents are to be submitted by email to the director.

Recognition Process for Student Organizations & Student-Led Philanthropy Projects

1. The interested individual or group of individuals meets with the director of student involvement & leadership to discuss their idea for a student organization.
2. The interested group of students submits the Application for Student Organization or Student-Led Philanthropy Project and a draft of a student organization constitution to the director of student involvement & leadership. All documents are submitted to the director by email.

3. The director of student involvement & leadership reviews the documents with the Committee on Student Organizations, chaired by the Student Senate parliamentarian.
4. The Committee on Student Organizations reviews the finalized constitution at their next meeting.
5. The Committee on Student Organizations, after reviewing the constitution or purpose, will then vote on said organization. The director of student involvement & leadership provides notification of the outcome of the vote to the interested individual(s) in writing.
 - a. *An affirmative vote approves the student organization or student-led philanthropy project.*
 - b. *A negative vote sends the constitution back to the interested individual(s) for changes. If a negative vote is the result, the interested individual(s) may resubmit a revised copy of their constitution for the next scheduled Committee on Student Organizations meeting for consideration.*
 - c. *The interested individual(s) may ask questions of the Committee on Student Organizations for clarification in order to revise their documents.*
6. When an affirmative vote of the Committee on Student Organizations is the result, the student organization or student-led philanthropy project will then complete an the online [student organization registration document](#) and submit it to the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership.

Types of Student Organizations

There are a variety of “types” of student organizations to suit any student’s needs or interest! Each organization can fall into one of the following categories: Academic, Club Sports, Governing, Media, Service, Social, Media, Special Interest, or Spiritual. When the organization was/is founded, the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership will determine the organization type based on the mission and purpose of the organization as well as consultation with the organizational president and advisor.

Academic

These are organizations that directly support an academic field of study or are linked with an academic program at Mount Union, including those that are honorary in nature.

Club Sports

A Club Sports Team is an organization formed by individuals who are motivated by a common interest and desire to participate in a particular competitive sports activity. More specifically, club sports teams are formed so the participants can learn new skills, improve existing skills, engage in competition, and enjoy recreational and social fellowship. These organizations are coordinated by the Director of Recreation & Wellness.

Diversity

This grouping of student organization falls under the auspices of the Diversity Council, an advisory board that assists students in recognizing and educating the campus community on issues of diversity and inclusion. All students are welcome in any one of the student organizations within the Diversity Council.

Governing

These organizations are considered the “umbrella” organizations for specific groups of student organizations on campus. They make decisions and enforce policies and procedures as they relate to organizations on campus.

Media

These are the student-run or student-directed media outlets on campus.

Service

These are student organizations whose primary purpose is either community service efforts or philanthropic endeavors in the campus and surrounding community. **Don't forget to also check with the Regula Center for Public Service & Civic Engagement for more service and service-related leadership opportunities.

Social

These student organizations are considered to be “social” in nature; however, fraternities and sororities on campus encompass leadership, scholarship, service and special interest endeavors. Each group has a minimum grade point average requirement for membership and will be engaging in what are called “recruitment” activities throughout the year.

Special Interest

These student organizations encompass a focus of that is of a “special interest” to those who are members.

Spiritual

These are organizations that serve a religious or spiritual purpose. Each one is a member of and governed by Spiritual Life Leadership and fall under the Office of the University Chaplain.

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