

TITLE 5 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Interpretation of Title 5 Section 1.1

The SGA bylaws and Senate rules do not restrict religious or political groups from attaining registered status. The United States Supreme Court has held that designating student fees in a manner that is not viewpoint neutral is unconstitutional.¹

Section 1. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS DEFINED-The definition and requirements of Student Organizations are stipulated herein:

- 1.1 **Registered** – student groups affiliated with the University which are currently under a trial period, to be specified in section 2, and which do not qualify for AFAP funding.
- 1.2 **Recognized** – student groups which have completed the trial period as specified in Section 2.

Section 2. The requirements and privileges of Registered and Recognized groups are as follows:

- 2.1. **Registered Groups:**
 - 2.1.1. Trial Period-Groups which have been granted registered status by CSO shall undergo a trial period of sixteen (16) school weeks, during which they shall fulfill all requirements set forth by Campus Life and CSO as well as maintain active membership and regularly scheduled meetings.
 - 2.1.2. The opportunity to use University facilities, normally at no cost, for regularly scheduled business meeting in designated areas.
 - 2.1.3. The opportunity to use the announcement service in the O’Collegian.
 - 2.1.4. The opportunity to use the unrestricted bulletin boards on campus.
 - 2.1.5. The opportunity to be listed in the Student Handbook.
 - 2.1.6. The opportunity to use the non-postage mail service for distribution of the materials that are related to the purpose and business of the organization.
 - 2.1.7. The opportunity to use the Senate Committee on Student Organizations (CSO) to address concerns to the SGA.
- 2.2. **Recognized Groups:**
 - 2.2.1. The opportunity to request the use of student fee allocations from the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee.
 - 2.2.2. The opportunity to use the name of the University to show their academic affiliation.
 - 2.2.3. The opportunity to use University facilities, normally at no cost, for regularly scheduled business meetings in designated areas.

¹See *Rosenberg v. Rectors and Visitors of the University of Virginia*, 515 U.S. 819 (1995); *Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth*, 529 U.S. 217 (2000).

- 2.2.4. The opportunity to use the announcement service in the O'Collegian.
- 2.2.5. The opportunity to use the unrestricted bulletin boards on campus.
- 2.2.6. The opportunity to be listed in the Student Handbook.
- 2.2.7. The opportunity to use the non-postage mail service for distribution of the materials that are related to the purpose and business of the organization.
- 2.2.8. The opportunity to use the Senate Committee on Student Organizations (CSO) to address concerns to the SGA.

Section 3. RECOGNIZED GROUPS – A list of recognized clubs and organizations related to AFAP Group I, Group II guidelines, council governing board, and the SGA Co-Sponsorship board: will be kept on file and updated with the CSO Chair and the SGA Secretaries.