



The
UNIVERSITY
of **VERMONT**

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Responsible Official: Senior Vice
President and Provost

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Group and Organization Recognition

Policy Statement

The University recognizes student organizations and other community groups and organizations in accordance with procedures and criteria set forth in this Policy and other governance documents.

Reason for the Policy

This Policy fills the need for a uniform set of criteria and guidelines by which campus groups and organizations will be formally recognized. This Policy also sets forth the privileges of recognition.

Strategic Direction

This policy supports the following goal in the University's Strategic Plan
http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=strategic_planning/strategicplan.html :

- Create a diverse community
- Create an outstanding student experience that promotes personal and intellectual development

Applicability of the Policy

This policy applies to all University of Vermont faculty, staff, and students.

Policy Elaboration

Groups and organizations may be officially recognized by the University under the criteria and procedures described below.

A. CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION

1. Student Organizations

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Except as provided in Section A.1.b and A.1.c below, student organizations are recognized by the Student Government Association ("SGA") in accordance with the criteria outlined in the SGA Constitution and Bylaws.

b. Academic Honorary Societies

Academic honorary societies are recognized by the Provost on the basis of educational merit and such other criteria as the Provost reasonably may devise.

c. Student Fraternities and Sororities

Local chapters of fraternities and sororities are recognized by the University.

2. Faculty, Staff and All Other Groups and Organizations

Except as otherwise provided in this statement, a group or organization is recognized by the Provost or the Vice President for Administration as appropriate when the group or organization is determined to enhance the educational, cultural, social, health, or recreational opportunities of the University community members in a manner that also benefits the University in view of its mission, purposes, and goals.

B. PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND CONTINUING RECOGNITION

To apply for recognition, a group or organization must submit to the appropriate University official or body as designated above, in writing, its name; a statement of purpose and operations consistent with applicable criteria and requirements (and copy of its charter or similar document, if existing); and a list of officers. The designated officer or body will respond to the application, in writing, within thirty days of its receipt. Appeal of an adverse decision may be taken to the President; the decision on appeal shall be final.

Officially recognized groups and organizations must operate in conformance with their charters, similar governance documents, or statements of purpose as provided upon application in the absence of a charter or similar document. They must promptly advise

the office of the official from whom recognition is obtained of changes in groups or organization officers and material changes in their purpose or operations. Group or organization officers are responsible for assuring compliance with general University policies and procedures and for fulfilling the reasonable administrative requests of appropriate University officials. All student organizations must identify to the Provost or Dean of Students in writing a full-time instructional or administrative officer as an advisor; academic honorary societies must designate a full-time instructional officer.

Failure to comply with general University policies or procedures or the provisions of this statement may result in the suspension or revocation of recognition by the officer or body from whom recognition is obtained.

C. PRIVILEGES OF RECOGNITION

Officially recognized groups and organizations may:

- use the name of the University of Vermont and other indicia of association, subject also to the approval of the University Licensing Program.
- use University buildings and grounds without a rental charge. Charges will only be assessed for the cost of services (custodial, trucking, security, and similar expenses) provided in support of an event.
- use University mail services on an unstamped basis, subject to the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service and the UVM Manager of Mail Services.
- obtain a phonemail account, on a fee basis.
- obtain an e-mail account, subject to the requirements of Computing and Information Technology.
- establish an account with the University to accept revenues and pay expenses of the group or organization, subject to requirements associated with such accounts. *Accounts may not elsewhere be established using the name "University of Vermont" or similar characterization.*

Officially recognized groups and organizations may *not* authorize or allow other parties to use any privileges of recognition.

Definitions

None

Procedures

See Policy Elaboration Section

Forms

None

Contacts

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to the following appropriate individuals:

Provost (for Honorary Societies)
Phone: 656-4400

Director of Student Life (for fraternities, sororities, and SGA groups)
Phone: 656-2060

Vice President for Finance and Administration (for faculty, staff, and other group organizations)
Phone: 656-0219

The Senior Vice President and Provost is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this policy.

Related Documents/Policies

Campus Mail Use (under development)

Facilities and Grounds Use
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/facil/facsched.pdf>

Use of University Name, Symbols, Letterhead, and other Proprietary Indicia of Affiliation
http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/general_html/letterhead.pdf

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