

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**  
**University Policies and Procedures**

**4300 - RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Statement: This policy applies to Old Dominion University recognized student organizations, whether local or national in character.

**GENERAL STANDARDS**

- (1) Membership in Old Dominion University's recognized student organizations is limited to full and part-time students of the university. Elected or appointed officers of such organizations must maintain a minimum semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.00. An organization may establish a more rigorous standard for its officers if it so desires. The Vice President for Student Services may, in the presence of extenuating circumstances, make exceptions to the 2.00 minimum semester average. Scholarship/ stipend recipients funded from monies allocated by the Vice President for Student Services must be registered as at least half-time matriculated students for the semesters during which the scholarship/ stipend is received.
- (2) No recognized student organization may limit its membership on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin. Membership requirements that restrict membership on the basis of gender must be in full compliance with current university, state, and federal laws and regulations.
- (3) Organizations seeking recognition as non-honorary Greek letter fraternities and sororities must meet the following criteria:
  - A. Be approved by the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Old Dominion National Panhellenic Council.
  - B. Be invited by the Vice President for Student Services or his/her designee, to establish a chapter on this campus.
- (4) National, special interest fraternal organizations (e.g., Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, or Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity) are classified by their service or professional nature, and may be recognized under the appropriate designation. These groups are bound by university policies which apply to all recognized student groups.
- (5) Student organizations must be officially recognized in order to use university facilities and to obtain funds from the university.

- (6) Recognized student organizations must conform to university rules and regulations, applicable federal and state statutes, and applicable local ordinances. An organization's failure to conform to such rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances may result in the imposition of sanctions upon the organization and the withdrawal of recognized status.

#### Recognition and Continuance Procedure

Organizations that desire official university recognition shall request such recognition by submitting an application to the Vice President for Student Services or to the Vice President's appointed representative. Procedures governing the application process are set forth in the Student Handbook, or are available from the Vice President's office.

All officially recognized student organizations must apply annually for continuance of recognition by the university. Required information for continuance application is set forth in the Student Handbook and is available from the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

**Responsibility:** Vice President for Student Services

**Authorization:** Roseann Runte, President

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