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TITLE: University Financial Support of Student Organizations

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Mission Statement: Out of class student activities complement the University primary educational mission while adding substantial value and breadth to a student=s educational experience. As members of recognized student organizations, students develop leadership skills, experientially learn about organizational dynamics, and contribute to the University and surrounding community through their programs and projects.

Recognized student organizations that have been approved through the University's annual recognition process, pursuant to Policy #4300, are eligible to be considered for university financial support.

Student organizations that receive financial support from the University must stipulate in their constitutions or by-laws that:

1. the primary purpose of the organization is educational; and
2. membership primarily consists of currently enrolled students and is open to any member of the University's student body unless membership restriction is legally permissible and consistent with University policy; and

Funds will not be provided to student organizations for activities or to pay for materials that in any way:

1. promote or oppose a political candidacy; or
2. financially support lobbying activities¹ or religious worship services; or
3. promote violence or illegal activity, or defame individuals or groups.

Regardless of whether they receive university financial support, recognized student organizations are solely responsible for their financial obligations. The university will not be liable for debts or contracts made by them. Any obligation incurred by a student organization with a local merchant or others must be incurred in good faith and with the knowledge that the organization will be able to pay such obligation promptly. Under no circumstances may the organization use the name of the university in securing credit. The organization's sole responsibility for its obligations must be made clear to the creditor.

¹All attempts, including personal solicitation, to induce legislators to vote in a certain way or to introduce legislation.

The president shall develop and publish specific guidelines and procedures for the provision of university financial support to recognized student organizations in accordance with this policy.