3358:11-3-41  Student organizations.

(A) Purpose. Student organizations are available for interested students to enhance their educational and/or social experience at Owens Community College.

(B) Guidelines.

(1) Registration of student organizations. In order to be recognized by Owens Community College and be eligible for the appropriate benefits, student organizations must register with the student activities office. Registration signifies the organization’s intent and agreement to comply with college policies and procedures.

(a) Registration of new student organizations. A new student organization must complete a new student organization application form. Each organization will present a copy of its constitution and bylaws, a list of members, and the name of the required faculty/staff advisor. Each new student organization is required to have at least ten members who regularly attend at least six credit hours at Owens Community College. Organization student leader(s)/officer(s) must also regularly attend at least six credit hours at Owens Community College.

(b) Annual registration of existing organizations. Previously recognized student organizations must renew their registration yearly by October thirtieth by completing an annual student organization renewal. These documents will be kept on file in the student activities office. Organizations that do not complete the registration renewal will be considered inactive.

(2) Registration privileges. Registration does not imply either college approval or disapproval of the organization’s purpose. Benefits include:

(a) Use of designated student activities bulletin boards.

(b) Ability to post notices in the student “Noteboard” and information on the electronic message board.

(c) The right to promote moneymaking projects on campus with student activities approval and within college limitations.

(d) The right to use duplication operations with the costs being charged back to the organization’s account.

(e) Use of college facilities, meeting rooms, lobby tables, etc.

(f) The right to set up an e-mail address for the organization in the common computer lab.

(g) Co-sponsorship of events.

(h) Use of voice mail services in the student health and activities center (SHAC).

(3) Nondiscrimination by organization. Every student organization registered by the college is expected to be free to select its membership upon the basis of individual merit. Any student organization selecting its membership upon the basis of restrictive clauses dealing with race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation will be considered to be operating in conflict with college policy and will be subject to termination.
Participation in student organizations. A student member is one who is enrolled in and regularly attends at least six credit hours per semester. Organizational officers/leaders must be enrolled in and regularly attend a minimum of six credit hours per semester. Each student organization may set such additional requirements as may be appropriate to its own purposes. An organization may allow other individuals in the college community to participate as associate members; these would include students carrying five or less credit hours, faculty, staff, and alumni. Such members may not outnumber student members, may not hold office, vote for officers or vote on the expenditures of money. Furthermore, they may not schedule college facilities or services on behalf of the organization.

Student organization advisors. Each student organization must be advised by at least one faculty or staff member. An advisor must be a full-time or part-time faculty or staff member. Advisors should attend all organization events and meetings and should remain informed of what is happening with the organization.
(6) Releasing information relating to student organizations.

(a) The student activities office in accordance with the college’s policy on directory information has designated the following information concerning organizations as public information. This information will be made available to the college community and the public on an unrestricted basis at the time of registration or re-registration, unless notified, in writing, of the contrary:

(i) Name of student organization.

(ii) Campus mailing address of student organization.

(iii) Statement of purpose, powers, and scope of the organization.

(iv) Names of officers.

(v) Advisor’s name(s).

(vi) Telephone numbers of officers and advisor(s).

(b) The student activities office will not release the names of individual student members and home addresses to the college community or the general public without express written permission.

(7) Organizational conduct. To provide a quality educational environment, an atmosphere conducive to study and educational growth must be maintained. Each organization has a responsibility to follow college policies and procedures and to operate within the scope of these policies and procedures. In addition to registration requirements, organizations are expected to observe and are bound by the same rules of conduct as individual students as described in the college catalog.

(8) Termination of registration.

(a) The registration of a student organization may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

(i) At the written request of the officers of the organization.

(ii) When a constitutional provision dissolves the organization.

(iii) When an organization fails to hold meetings or activities for an entire year.

(iv) When an organization fails to renew its registration.

(v) For violation of regulations, policy, or other cause.

(b) A student organization which has its registration terminated shall, for all purposes, cease to exist and will no longer be afforded any benefits or have any privileges.

(c) Termination may be for a specific period of time (suspension) or for an indefinite period of time (expulsion).

(d) All violations of college regulations or policy will result in an investigation by the student activities office.
(e) The director of student life will make the determination regarding the suspension or expulsion of registered group status. Appeals to the decision may be made through the appropriate appeals process (Rule 3358:11-3-12).

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