Policy 8.12
University Recognized Student Organizations

Responsible Official:  SVP and Dean for Campus Life
Administering Division/Department:  Campus Life  
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Overview

The purpose of this policy is to outline the authority of various entities at Emory University to recognize Student Organizations. Further, the policy outlines the list of benefits that Emory University grants official Student Organizations. Finally, the policy provides for the registration of all Student Organizations on campus so that a comprehensive list of all groups can be maintained.

Policy Details

8.12.1 Rights

Emory University students may organize Student Organizations. In accordance with the Emory University Non-Discrimination Policy, no student shall be denied membership in any Student Organization.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, certain limitations for participation based on major, degree, grade point average, or school of enrollment may be imposed if approved in advance by the Recognizing Body. Student Organizations that wish to make exceptions to enrollment based on religious or other purposes must petition the appropriate Recognizing Body.

8.12.2 Official Registration List

Campus Life is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive and up to date list of all registered Student Organizations through the Office of Student Leadership & Service staff. All Student Organizations at Emory University who wish to have access to any of the rights, privileges, and benefits outlined in this policy must follow the official registration procedures as outlined by the Division of Campus Life. Such registration list shall be deemed the official list of Student Organizations recognized at Emory University at any time.

8.12.3 Authorization

In order for an organization to be recognized as an official Student Organization, the Student Organization must have the approval of a Recognizing Body and be listed on the official list of Student Organizations maintained by the Campus Life through Student Involvement, Leadership, and Transitions. Each Recognizing Body is responsible for managing their own processes to recognize Student Organizations. The Vice-President and Dean for Campus Life, or his/her designee, are responsible for holding Student Organizations and Recognizing Bodies accountable to all relevant University policies.
In addition, all Student Organizations must have an official University advisor. For groups recognized by University departments, their advisor is the director/chair of that department or his/her designee. For all groups chartered by the Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Government Association, advisors are required to be a full-time faculty or staff member. Campus Life grants authority to the Office of Student Leadership and Service to set additional requirements for SGA/GSGA Advisors.

The Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Government Association is also responsible for collecting and distributing the Student Activity Fee. Final decision-making authority regarding the Student Activity Fee resides with the Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Government Association, in consultation with the Vice-President and Dean for Campus Life or his/her designee, who will ensure accountability with relevant University policies and procedures.

8.12.4 Responsibilities of Student Organizations

All Student Organizations are required to abide by and follow all Emory University policies, rules, and regulations. Any Student Organization that does not follow such policies, rules or regulations will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct while graduate and professional school student organizations will be subject to disciplinary processes of their respective academic units.

8.12.5 Benefits to Registration

The following benefits are available, if applicable, to Student Organizations. No student groups who have not followed this policy to become officially recognized Student Organizations have access to these benefits.

8.12.5.1 Available to all Student Organizations at Emory University

- Use of Emory University name to identify institutional affiliation (per guidelines of Emory Brand Management) which can include a logo, access to letterhead, and other such benefits.
- Ability to reserve space on campus/use space on campus (some charges may apply) and use University meeting rooms and facilitates.
- Free organizational advising, consulting and training by Student Involvement, Leadership, and Transitions.
- Participation in Student Activity Fairs as hosted by Campus Life or the Student Involvement, Leadership, and Transitions.
- Ability to be financially supported by other University Departments with co-sponsorship funding opportunities.
- Access to the Student Organization Management database “OrgSync.”
- Access to a website supported and hosted by Emory University (subject to Emory University Policy 8.12.6)
- Ability to apply for Grant Opportunities in Campus Life such as Late Night @ Emory, the Student Organization Food Grant managed by SGA/GSGA and Food Service Administration, etc…
- Other benefits as deemed appropriate by various offices, departments, and divisions of Emory University.

8.12.5.2 Available to Student Organizations who receive recognition from the Emory University Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Government Association.

- Ability to apply for Student Activity Fee money
- Access to Student Organization Locker storage

8.12.6 Student Organization Websites

Registered student organizations are entitled to a website supported and hosted on Emory OrgSync/Engage. All student organization websites must meet the following criteria:

- Hosted on Emory OrgSync/Engage
- Compliant with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including but not limited to those concerning copyright and trademark protections, harassment, and sexual misconduct
- Compliant with Emory University Branding Guidelines
- Compliant with Campus Life Technology and Communications Guidelines
- Administered by students bound by the Student Code of Conduct and other applicable Policies and Codes

Student organizations in violation of this policy forfeit their entitlement to a website and may have their website deactivated and archived until compliance is reestablished.

Websites are protected under Policy 8.14, Respect for Open Expression Policy.

8.12.6.1 Student Organization Website Domain Names
Registered student organizations are required to maintain their websites on Emory OrgSync/Engage. Each organization will have a unique website URL within OrgSync/Engage.

Domain names purchased through third parties will not be supported.

Unregistered student organizations will not be provided OrgSync access nor permitted to use the Emory name or logo for promotional purposes or establishing domains/URLs.

Definitions

**Department or Division** is defined as a department or division of Emory University that has a Director, Department Chair, or similar title.

**Recognizing Body** is defined as the Department or Division, Emory University Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Association, or other Emory University authorized governing or recognizing body that may authorize a Student Organization.

**Student Organizations** are groups of students that meet the Student Government Association and/or Graduate Student Association requirements for recognition. This term includes, but is not limited to, student organizations recognized by Emory Campus Life through the Student Involvement, Leadership, and Transitions, Greek letter organizations recognized by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life, athletic teams organized by Athletics and Recreation (including varsity and intramural sports teams), and organizations recognized and/or advised by a Recognizing Body or other administrative units of the University.

Related Links

- Current Version of This Policy: [http://policies.emory.edu/8.12](http://policies.emory.edu/8.12)
- Community Platform for Registration ([http://www.studentorgs.emory.edu](http://www.studentorgs.emory.edu))

Contact Information

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