Official Recognition of Student Organizations

Summary/Purpose:  To set forth guidelines for officially recognizing student organizations.

Students desiring to form an official student organization may do so by submitting a Student Organization Registration Form found online through the Office of the Dean of Students’ website, http://dos.olemiss.edu. The form should be completed online through Org Sync. The registration form requesting official recognition should include the officers of the petitioning group, a constitution for the group, the name of a full-time University faculty and/or staff member as advisor(s), and a statement of purpose. The constitution should cover details including dues, membership requirements and selection process, initiation requirements, and a statement of purpose or mission statement. Upon completion of the registration form the Office of the Dean of Students will review the information. Official recognition of the group will be granted when the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or his or her designee approves the supporting recommendation of the Office of the Dean of Students.

The named faculty/staff advisor in addition to the student president will receive notification(s) of any type of actions taken on behalf of or in reference to the organization. Notice to the student president and/or the faculty/staff advisor will be considered notice to the organization.

Rights and Privileges
The most important privilege that accompanies recognition as a student organization is the official association with The University of Mississippi. Additionally, organizations that are recognized may use most University facilities without charge, may take advantage of University services, may congregate without special permission (as long as no other University policies are violated), and may sponsor activities on campus.

Recognized student organizations also may use University marks, logos, insignia, and trade dress in connection with the organization or its events with prior permission from The University of Mississippi Department of Licensing (662-915-7445).

All recognized organizations will be listed in either a physical or electronic publication maintained by the Office of the Dean of Students. Organizations are subject to all University of Mississippi policies and may face disciplinary action through the University conduct system for any policy violation.

On-Campus Housing
Student organizations will not be officially recognized, may lose official recognition as a student organization, or may face other penalties or sanctions if it occupies an on-campus house that is not equipped with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system to be in compliance with the National Fire Code (NFPA) Standard 13 as published by the National Fire Protection Association.