POLICY STATEMENT 41
STUDENT AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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I. PURPOSE

This Policy Statement is issued pursuant to the authority of LSU New Orleans to establish standards governing students and Registered Student Organizations and shall be administered in accordance with applicable federal and state law and University policy.

II. DEFINITIONS

Registered student organization: A student organization that has been formally recognized by LSU New Orleans through the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership in accordance with University requirements. Registered Student Organizations are independent associations and are not agents, representatives, or official spokespersons of LSU New Orleans.

University-sponsored student organization: A student organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a Registered Student Organization and is supported through University departments, student fees, or other University resources. A University department or office maintains an ongoing supervisory relationship with the organization as part of its official functions. This designation is not elective but assigned by the University.

Membership: Membership in a Registered Student Organization is limited to LSU New Orleans students, faculty, and staff. Individuals recognized, affiliated, recruited, participating, or otherwise identified by an organization as members, prospective members, new members, associates, candidates, or participants in membership activities are subject to applicable University policies, requirements, and educational obligations associated with organizational membership.

III. GENERAL POLICY

LSU New Orleans recognizes the rights of students and Registered Student Organizations to participate in the educational, social, cultural, and civic life of the University. Students and Registered Student Organizations are afforded the rights and privileges established by applicable law and University policy and are expected to exercise those rights responsibly and with respect for the rights of others.

A. Student and Student Organization Rights

Students and Registered Student Organizations have the right to:

1. Freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association in accordance with applicable law and University policy.
2. Participate in recognized student governance processes and provide input regarding matters affecting student life and the University community.
3. Fair and impartial resolution of alleged violations of University policy through established University processes.
4. Be free from unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation as provided by applicable law and University policy.

B. Student and Student Organization Responsibilities

Students and Registered Student Organizations are responsible for:

1. Respecting the rights, property, and well-being of others.
2. Complying with applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as University policies and procedures.
3. Conducting activities in a manner consistent with the educational mission and values of LSU New Orleans.

C. Registered Student Organizations

Registered Student Organizations are independent associations of students. Recognition by LSU New Orleans does not constitute endorsement of an organization's activities, viewpoints, or positions by the University.

Registered Student Organizations are not agents, representatives, or official spokespersons of LSU New Orleans and are not authorized to enter into agreements, contracts, or obligations on behalf of the University.

To maintain recognition, Registered Student Organizations must comply with applicable University policies, procedures, and registration requirements established by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

IV. PROCEDURES

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership shall establish and maintain procedures governing the recognition, registration, operation, and oversight of Registered Student Organizations.

Students and Registered Student Organizations are responsible for complying with applicable University policies and procedures, including those published in the Registered Student Organization Handbook and related guidance issued by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

Procedures for student organization recognition, membership requirements, advisor responsibilities, event planning, risk management, funding, conduct processes, and organizational accountability shall be maintained separately from this Policy Statement and may be revised as necessary to support University operations and compliance requirements.

V. SOURCES

Policy Statement 39 Hazing Prevention and Education
Policy Statement 38 Freedom of Expression
Policy Statement 18 Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

VI. APPENDICIES

Registered Student Organization Handbook
Student Code of Conduct