Missouri S&T Student Organization Policies

1.0 Missouri S&T Recognized Student Organizations

Student organizations are recognized groups of current Missouri S&T students; Missouri S&T faculty and staff may also be included in the organization’s membership. Currently, over 200 student organizations reflect a variety of interests belonging to the over 5,500 students enrolled at Missouri S&T. Student Organizations fall into the following categories: Academic Departmental, Honorary, Intercultural, Media & Publications, Programming & Governing, Recreation & Sports, Religious, Residence Hall Associations, Service, Social & Special Interest, Fraternities, Sororities, and Student Design.

2.0 Student Organization Recognition

Official recognition for a student organization is granted based on authorization from the Chancellor through the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Department of Student Life (CRR 250.010). A student organization in existence or being proposed must satisfy the following conditions for recognition:

- It must contribute to the welfare or betterment of its members and the institution.
- It should have objectives that complement the mission of the University.
- It must be devoid of activities that conflict with the primary purposes of the University.
- A recognized organization cannot have any constitutional, ritualistic, or selective restriction which shall deny membership to any student for reason of his/her race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam era veteran. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

- A recognized student organization must abide by all applicable University policies and campus regulations; federal, state, and local laws.

- A recognized student organization must maintain at least five (5) full-time Missouri S&T students as active members.

- Each officer of a recognized student organization must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) class hours per semester.

- A recognized student organization must maintain an advisor who is a full-time (75% FTE) faculty or professional staff member of Missouri S&T.

- A recognized student organization must annually update recognition forms and update the officer and membership list (at: [https://itweb.mst.edu/auth-cgi-bin/cgiwrap/stulifeweb/idb.pl](https://itweb.mst.edu/auth-cgi-bin/cgiwrap/stulifeweb/idb.pl)) with the Department of Student Life within the first three weeks of the fall and spring semester.

- A recognized student organization must maintain a current copy of their constitution with the Department of Student Life. Amendments that change the objectives of the organization must be approved by the Student Organization Recognition Committee or its designee. Other changes can be approved by the Department of Student Life staff.

### 3.0 Process for Recognition of a Student Organization:

- Initiate recognition procedures with the staff in the Department of Student Life. Discussion will include questions on purpose of the organization, format of the constitution, required forms, membership requirements, and use of campus facilities prior to obtaining official recognition.

- Prepare a constitution in the recommended format (an outline is available). The staff in the Department of Student Life will make a preliminary check of the constitution to see that it does not contain statements of conflict with University regulations.

- Secure the written consent of a faculty or staff member of the University to serve as an advisor to the organization.

- Have approximately ten interested members.

- Elect officers and ratify constitution.

- Submit an electronic copy of the constitution to the Department of Student Life along with required forms for officers and membership. The constitution will be forwarded to the Student Organization Recognition Committee who will review the constitution and either accept it or recommend changes. The Student Organization Recognition Committee will then forward the document to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or designee to recommend approval.

- Official recognition is granted by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or designee.

- Organizations have the right to appeal the recommendation of the Student Organization Recognition Committee to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
*Student Organization Recognition Committee:

This committee makes recommendations regarding the recognition of student organizations to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs or designee. The committee also reviews and makes recommendations concerning the Student Organization Policies and Procedures.

The committee is appointed by the Chancellor and consists of four members from the faculty, five students selected by the Student Council, one student selected by the Council of Graduate Students and one non-voting administrative member. Faculty members may serve a two year term.

4.0 Benefits of Official Recognition

- Use of University facilities, including computing resources.
- Petition the Student Council for financial support.
- Post promotional materials on campus.
- Have representation on the Student Council.

5.0 Changes in Organization Constitution/Bylaws-Reporting

Any change in the constitution or bylaws of a recognized student organization must be submitted to the staff of the Department of Student Life. It is the staff's responsibility to determine if the proposed amendments essentially change the objectives of the organization. If the amendments constitute major changes, they must be referred to the Student Organization Recognition Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or designee. The amended constitution and bylaws will replace the previous copy in the file.

6.0 Inactive Organizations

Organizations currently recognized and subsequently becoming inactive will lose their status as a recognized student organization. Organizations that do not maintain recognition for two consecutive semesters will be considered inactive.

7.0 Re-applying for Recognition

Organizations having lost their recognition due to inactivity or failing to satisfy the requirements of Missouri S&T, may re-apply after one full academic year for recognition in the same manner as any new organization seeking recognition does.

8.0 Officer Responsibility, Membership Reports, Compliance

All recognized student organizations must file a Recognition Compliance Statement and update their officer and membership lists on the World Wide Web at http://studentlife.mst.edu/ within the first three weeks of the fall & spring semesters. The officer and membership list on the World Wide Web must also be updated each semester to reflect new officers elected during the academic year and new members.
Officers of student organizations are fully responsible for conducting meetings and social activities in accordance with existing institutional, city and state regulations which govern such activities. University regulations pertaining to student conduct are contained in the Missouri S&T Student Handbook (see Conduct Procedures for Student Organizations). The officers also are responsible for the group's compliance with the regulations stated in this section.

9.0 Scholastic Requirements

If a student is on scholastic probation, they are not required to resign from organizations in which they are already a member, but they may not hold an office nor join any other organization while on probation. Individuals may request an appeal to hold one of their officer positions. For more detailed information, contact the Department of Student Life.

10.0 Student Disciplinary Probation

If a student is on student disciplinary probation, they are not required to resign from organizations in which they are already a member (unless required as a condition of the probation), but they may not join a new organization, hold an office nor represent the university while on probation. For more detailed information, contact the Department of Student Life.

11.0 Activities

All activities sponsored by student organizations that occur on University property must be approved by the Department of Student Life staff. Activity permits for holding activities on university property and reserving University facilities are available on-line at http://studentlife.mst.edu/ or in the Department of Student Life office in the Havener Center.

12.0 Alcohol Policy for Student Organizations

Alcoholic beverages: Recognized student organizations shall comply with all state and federal laws and local ordinances regulating the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It is a violation of Missouri law for any person under the age of 21 to purchase, attempt to purchase, or have in their possession any alcoholic beverages. It is also a violation of Missouri law to sell alcoholic beverages without the appropriate licenses. It is a violation of University regulations to use, sell, purchase, or serve alcoholic beverages on University property unless specifically approved by the Chancellor or designee.

The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by University-recognized student organizations and at campus events, must conform to policies established by the Board of Curators, Missouri S&T, local ordinances, and state law. (This includes clubs, organizations, and campus events that include but are not limited to, professional societies, academic honoraries, athletic teams, service, departmental, and social organizations, and booster club and alumni events.)

Consumption and purchase of alcoholic beverages by minors (people under the age of 21) and selling or giving alcoholic beverages to minors is prohibited by law.

Alcohol shall not be a part of new membership recruitment programs.
A risk management seminar (e.g. discussion of alcohol policy, alcohol education, low-risk partying, confrontation and intervention skills, referral resources, and liability issues) will be provided by the University. Representatives of recognized student organizations that have events which include alcoholic beverages will attend these semi-annually. Faculty advisors will be encouraged to attend. Other recognized student organizations and their advisors must sign a form stating they are exempt from this requirement and return it to the Department of Student Life at the beginning of each semester.

Alcoholic beverages may not be provided as awards.

13.0 Co-Sponsorships
The following guidelines will be used when student organizations request permission to co-sponsor activities with non-university groups or put up promotional materials reflecting co-sponsorship. Restrictions apply to all businesses, including those that distribute/sell alcohol.

- All co-sponsored activities must be the same type of activity normally sponsored by the student organization and not in conflict with the mission of the University.
- Promotional materials should reflect the names of all the co-sponsors. Student organizations have the option of listing all or none of the co-sponsors.
- The corporate name, not the product name, must be used.
- All other co-sponsors must be notified if the event is co-sponsored by an alcohol distributor and/or producer.
- Student Life staff approval is needed if large visual displays (suspended balloons, etc.) are to be used on Missouri S&T property.
- Posters reflecting co-sponsorship may not be placed on departmental bulletin boards. This would be considered advertising on campus. However, such posters may be placed in mailboxes of fraternities, sororities, residence halls, and those places where student participants reside. They may also be posted on one Havener Center bulletin boards, which is monitored by the staff in the Department of Student Life, and in the library.
- Corporations MAY NOT use student groups solely for advertising purposes.
- Posters produced and/or supplied by the co-sponsor may not be posted on campus when the product is the most prominent feature of the poster.

14.0 Posting Policy for Student Organizations
The Department of Student Life is responsible for approving all recognized student organization promotional materials.

POLICY:
- In order to post materials on campus, student organizations must be recognized by the University. Special consideration may be given to organizations seeking recognition.
- Any posting not specifically addressed within the posting policy is considered a special promotional event (as outlined within the policy).
• No materials shall be pasted, nailed, taped, stapled, or otherwise attached to any part of the interior or exterior (including windows & doors) of university buildings, light posts, telephone poles, or trash receptacles.
• Materials cannot promote the consumption of alcohol.
• Sponsoring organizations must be identified on all materials.

*Failure to comply with these regulations will be subject to appropriate action from the Department of Student Life.*

15.0 Student Activity Fees/Organization Budgets
Approval of student activity fee budgets resides with the Missouri S&T Chancellor. Any student organization which receives financial support from student activity fees is required to prepare a budget of its account each school year. Budget recommendations will be made by the Student Activity Fee Board to the Student Council for approval and recommendation to the campus administration. Student accounts are subject to audit.

The Student Activity Fee Board serves as guardian for both the student body and the funded organizations. This entirely student run board provides financial guidance and assistance to the organizations over which it has influence, and ensures student funds are used for their intended purpose. The Student Activity Fee Board provides recommendations and information to the Student Council membership free of favoritism or discrimination. The Department of Student Life monitors financial activities and provides training and advising to the recognized student organizations and the Student Activity Fee Board.

Types of Student Organization Funding:

*The following student organization and campus departments receive student activity fee monies as approved by the Missouri S&T Chancellor or his/her designee with recommendations from the Student Council and Student Activity Fee Board:
• Associated Students of the University of Missouri
• Athletics
• Blue Key Honor Fraternity
• Club Appropriations Fund
• Council of Graduate Students
• Equipment and Contingency Fund
• KMNR 89.7 FM
• Missouri Miner
• Non-Varsity Sports Fund
• Professional Projects Fund
• RollaMo Yearbook
• St. Pat’s Celebration Committee
• Student Council
16.0 University Property
Equipment purchased with student activity fee appropriations is University property and must remain on or stored in University facilities. Removal must be approved by Student Council or the Department of Student Life.

Students who willfully or carelessly damage the property of the University will be required to pay for its replacement or repair. They may also be subject to disciplinary action.

17.0 Hazing
Hazing is forbidden by University regulations and laws of the State of Missouri. Hazing is defined by Missouri law as any willful act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of an educational institution, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing may include but are not limited to:

- physical brutality
- paddling
- whipping
- beating
- branding
- exposure to the elements
- forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug, or other substance
- forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products
- sleep deprivation
- physical confinement
- extreme stress or fatigue-inducing activity
- required performance of duties or tasks which involve a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state

Under the above circumstances, the University may also view the following activities as hazing:

- forced scavenger hunts
- one-way road trips
- force to wear any apparel that causes embarrassment at any time
- required engagement in public stunts or buffoonery
- morally degrading games or humiliating activities
• any other activity which is not consistent with the regulations and policies of the University of Missouri and the laws of the State of Missouri

For more information, please contact the Department of Student Life, 218 Havener Center, 341-6771.

18.0 Rules of Procedures in Student Organization Conduct Matters

The Chancellor or his/her designee is designated as the primary administrative officer for administration of discipline for unacceptable conduct or conduct which involves infractions of the University rules and regulations or the Standard of Conduct for Student Organizations by a recognized student organization (RSO) and will initiate disciplinary action in accordance with these regulations.

Preliminary Procedures: The Chancellor or his/her designee (hereafter, the Primary Administrative Officer) shall investigate any reported student organization misconduct before initiating formal opportunity to present their personal version of the incident or occurrence. The Primary Administrative Officer may discuss, consult and advise with the registered officers of any organization whose conduct is called into question. The registered officers or their representative shall attend such consultations as requested by the Primary Administrative Officer and shall be given a copy of these procedures. The Primary Administrative Officer, in making his/her investigation and disposition, may utilize student courts and boards to make recommendations.

Informal Disposition: The Primary Administrative Officer, after investigation, and when acceptable to the student organization, shall have the authority to impose appropriate discipline. Where the disposition proposed by the Primary Administrative Officer in the preliminary proceedings is not accepted by the student organization in writing, the student organization shall have the rights of notice, hearing and formal procedures as hereinafter set forth before the Student Organization Conduct Committee. The Primary Administrative Officer shall fix a reasonable time within which the student organization shall accept or reject a proposed informal disposition. A failure of the student organization to either accept or reject such proposed disposition within the time fixed shall be deemed acceptance, and in such event, the proposed disposition shall become final upon expiration of time. If the student organization rejects the informal disposition, its signed statement shall be forwarded to the Student Organization Conduct Committee. The Primary Administrative Officer, at his/her discretion, may refer cases to the Student Organization Conduct Committee without first offering informal disposition.

Formal Procedure and Disposition:

A. Student Organization Conduct Committee: (1) The Student Organization Conduct Committee shall be appointed by the Chancellor and shall have the authority to impose appropriate discipline upon any student organization appearing before it, including, but not limited to, suspension of recognition, official warning, written reprimand, disciplinary probation, loss of University recognition, or discretionary sanctions such as work assignments, service to the University, or similar sanctions; (2) The Committee, when
appropriate or convenient, may be divided by the Chair of the Student Organization Conduct Committee into Hearing Panels, each panel to be composed of at least five members present at the hearing, including a designated chair. A Hearing Panel has the authority of the whole Committee in those cases assigned to it by the Chair of the Student Organization Conduct Committee. The Chair of the Committee or of a Hearing Panel shall count as one member of the Committee or Hearing Panel and have, in addition to his/her rights as Chair, the same voting and other rights as other members of the Committee or Hearing Panel.

B. General Statement of Procedures: An organization charged with a violation of University rules or regulations, or rules or regulations pertaining to student organization conduct is entitled to a written notice and a formal hearing unless the matter is disposed of under the rules for informal disposition. The procedures set forth below shall be interpreted and administered to accomplish this objective and provide for prompt consideration and disposition of student organization conduct cases. Disciplinary proceedings are not to be construed as judicial trials, but care shall be taken to comply as fully as possible with the spirit and intent of the procedural safeguards set forth herein. The Office of the General Counsel shall be available to advise the Student Organization Conduct Committee.

C. Notice: The Primary Administrative Officer shall initiate disciplinary actions by arranging with the Chair to call a meeting of the Student Organization Conduct Committee and by giving a written notice by certified mail or personal delivery to a registered officer of the student organization charged with misconduct which shall set forth the date, time and place of the alleged violation, the conduct to be inquired into, and the date, time and place of the hearing before the Student Organization Conduct Committee. Notice by certified mail may be addressed to the last address currently on record with the University. Failure by the student organization to have its current, correct local address or that of a registered officer on record with the University shall not be construed to invalidate such notice. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Student Organization's Advisor. The notice shall be given at least seven (7) consecutive calendar days prior to the hearing, unless a shorter time is fixed by the Chair for good cause. Any request for continuance shall be made in writing to the Chair, who shall have the authority in his/her discretion to continue the hearing if he/she determines the request is timely and made for good cause. The Chair shall notify the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization of the new date for the hearing. If the organization fails to send a representative to the scheduled meeting, the Committee may hear and determine the matter in its absence.

D. Conduct of Hearing: The Chair shall preside at the hearing, call the hearing to order, call the roll of the Committee in attendance, ascertain presence or absence of the representative of the student organization charged with misconduct, read the notice of hearing and charges and verify the receipt of notice of charges by the student organization, report any continuances requested or granted, establish the presence of any advisor or counselor of the student organization, call to the attention of the organization charged and its advisor any special or extraordinary procedures to be employed during the hearing, and permit the organization to make suggestions of or objections to any procedures for the Student Organization Conduct Committee to consider.
(1) **Opening Statements:** (a) The Primary Administrative Officer shall make opening remarks outlining the general nature of the case and testify to any facts his/her investigation has revealed. (b) A representative from the student organization may make a statement to the Committee about the charge at this time or at the conclusion of the University's presentation, at the representative's election.

(2) **University Evidence:** (a) University witnesses are to be called and identified or written reports or evidence introduced as appropriate. (b) The Committee may question witnesses at any time. (c) The student organization's representative or, with permission of the Committee, its advisor or counselor may question witnesses or examine evidence at the conclusion of the University's presentation.

(3) **Student Organization's Evidence:** The student organization's representative shall have the opportunity to make a statement to the Committee about the charge, and may then present further evidence through witnesses or in the form of written memoranda as it desires. The Committee may question the organizational representative or witnesses at any time. The Primary Administrative Officer may question the organizational representative or witnesses.

(4) **Rebuttal Evidence:** The Committee may permit the University or the student organization to offer any matter in rebuttal of the other's presentation.

**E. Rights of Student Organization Conduct Committee:** The Student Organization Conduct Committee shall have the right: (1) in cases involving more than one organization which arise out of the same transaction or occurrence to hear such cases together, but in that event shall make separate findings and determinations for each organization; (2) to permit a stipulation of facts by the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization involved; (3) to permit the incorporation in the record by a reference of any document, affidavit or other thing produced and desired to be incorporated in the record by the University or the student organization charged; (4) to question witnesses or other evidence introduced by either the University or the student organization at any time; (5) to hear from the Primary Administrative Officer about dispositions made in similar cases and any informal dispositions offered to the student organization appearing before the Committee; (6) to call additional witnesses or require additional investigation; (7) to dismiss any action at any time or permit informal disposition as otherwise provided; (8) to at any time permit or require amendment of the Notice of Hearing to include new or additional matters which may come to the attention of the Committee before final determination of the case, provided, however, that in such event the Committee shall grant to the student organization or Primary Administrative Officer such time as the Committee may determine reasonable under the circumstances to answer or explain such additional matters; (9) to dismiss any person from the hearing who interferes with or obstructs the hearing or fails to abide by the rulings of the Chair or the Committee on request; and (10) to refer to the campus Student Conduct Committee students from the University who, during the hearing, obstruct or interfere with the course of the hearing or fail to abide by the ruling of the Chair of the Committee on any procedural question or requests of the Chair for order.

**F. Student Organization Rights Upon Hearing:** A student organization appearing before the Student Organization Conduct Committee pursuant to the formal notice of charges and disciplinary hearing shall have the right: (1) to have the president or other officer designee...
from the student organization present at the hearing; (2) to have an advisor or counselor of its choice appear with the student organization representative and to consult with such advisor or counselor during this hearing; (3) to hear or examine evidence presented to the committee against it; (4) to question witnesses present and testifying against it at the hearing; (5) to present evidence by witness or affidavit of any defense the student organization desires; (6) to make any statement to the Committee in mitigation or explanation of the conduct in question that it desires; (7) to be informed in writing of the findings of the Student Organization Conduct Committee and any discipline it imposes; and (8) appeal to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

G. Determination by Committee: The Student Organization Conduct Committee shall then make its findings and determinations in executive session out of the presence of the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization charged. Separate findings are to be made: (1) as to the conduct of the student organization and (2) on the discipline, if any, to be imposed. No discipline shall be imposed on the student organization unless a majority of the Committee present is reasonably convinced by the evidence that the student organization has committed the violation charged and should be disciplined therefore.

H. Official Report of Findings and Determination: The Committee shall promptly consider the case on the merits and make its findings and determination and transmit them to the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization charged forthwith.

I. Other Procedural Questions: Procedural questions which arise during the hearing not covered by these general rules shall be determined by the Chair, whose ruling shall be final unless the Chair shall present the question to the Committee at the request of a member of the Committee, in which event the ruling of the Committee by majority vote shall be final.

J. General Rules of Decorum: The following general rules of decorum shall be adhered to: (1) All requests to address the Committee shall be addressed to the Chair; (2) The Chair will rule on all requests and points of order and may consult with the Committee's advisor prior to any ruling. The Chair's ruling shall be final and all participants shall abide thereby, unless the Chair shall present the question to the Committee at the request of a member of the Committee, in which event the ruling of the Committee by majority vote shall be final; (3) Rules of common courtesy and decency shall be observed at all times; (4) An advisor or counselor may be permitted to address the Committee at the discretion of the Committee. An advisor or counselor may request clarification of a procedural matter or object on the basis of procedure at any time by addressing the Chair after recognition.

Section 6. Record of Hearing
An audio record of the hearing shall be maintained. The hearing record shall be maintained and kept as long as the discipline imposed shall be in force, or for five (5) years, whichever is earlier. The notice, exhibits, hearing record and the findings and determination of the Committee shall become the "Record of the Case" and shall be filed in the office of the Division of Student Affairs and for the purpose of appeal shall be accessible at reasonable times and places to both the University and the student organization.

Section 7. Right of Appeal
A. When an organization has recognition as a student organization suspended by the Student Organization Conduct Committee, the Primary Administrative Officer or the student
organization may appeal such decision to the Chancellor or Designee by filing written notice of appeal within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after notification of the decision of the Student Organization Conduct Committee. A copy of the Notice of Appeal will contemporaneously be given by the organization to the Primary Administrative Officer or by the Primary Administrative Officer to the organization. The appealing party may file a written memorandum for consideration by the Chancellor or Designee with the Notice of Appeal, and may request a reply to such memorandum by the student organization or Primary Administrative Officer.

B. The Chancellor or Designee shall review the full record of the case and the appeal documents and may affirm, reverse or remand the case for further proceedings and shall notify the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization in writing of his/her decision on the appeal.

C. When the organization has recognition as a student organization suspended by the Student Conduct Committee and it has been appealed, the Primary Administrative Officer or the student organization may appeal an adverse decision of the Committee to the Chancellor or Designee by filing written notice of appeal within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after notification of the decision of the Committee. A copy of the Notice of Appeal will contemporaneously be given by the organization to the Primary Administrative Officer or by the Primary Administrative Officer to the student organization. The appealing party may file a written memorandum for consideration by the Chancellor or Designee with the Notice of Appeal, and may request a reply to such memorandum by the student organization or Primary Administrative Officer.

D. The Chancellor or Designee shall review the full record of the case and the appeal documents and may affirm, reverse or remand the case for further proceedings; and shall notify the Primary Administrative Officer and the student organization in writing of his/her decision on the appeal. The decision of the Chancellor or Designee is final.

Section 8. Right to Petition for Review
A. In all cases where the discipline imposed by the Student Organization Conduct Committee is other than suspension of recognition, the Primary Administrative Officer or the student organization may petition the Chancellor or Designee in writing for a review of the decision within five (5) consecutive calendar days after notification of the decision of the Student Organization Conduct Committee and by serving a copy of the Petition for Review upon the non-appealing party within such time. The Petition for Review shall state the grounds or reasons for review, and the non-appealing party may answer the petition within five (5) consecutive calendar days if he/she so desires.

B. The Chancellor or Designee may grant or refuse the right of review. If the Chancellor or Designee reviews the decision, the action of the Chancellor or Designee shall be final unless it is to remand the matter for further proceedings or unless the action of the Chancellor or Designee is to impose loss of recognition.

C. If the Chancellor or Designee imposes loss of recognition, the Primary Administrative Officer or the student organization shall have a right to appeal to as provided under Section 7. In all cases where the Petition for Review is refused, the action of the Student Organization Conduct Committee shall be final.
Section 9. Status During Appeal
In cases of loss of recognition where a Notice of Appeal is filed within the required time, a student organization may petition the appellate authority in writing for permission to conduct activities pending final determination of the appeal. The appellate authority may permit the organization to continue activities under such conditions as may be designated pending completion of appellate procedures provided such continuance will not seriously disrupt the University or constitute a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the University community. In such event, however, any final disciplinary action imposed shall be effective from the date of the action of the Student Organization Conduct Committee.

19.0 Standard of Conduct for Student Organizations

A student organization recognized by the University of Missouri assumes an obligation to behave in a manner compatible with the University’s function as an educational institution.

Recognized Student Organizations can be held responsible for conduct outlined in section 19.0b under conditions including but not limited to one or more of the following:

1) at least one member of the groups’ leadership was aware of an incident before it occurred or has knowledge following the incident and attempts to cover it up;
2) chapter resources, such as funds, listservs, or message boards, are used;
3) location of the event was owned, rented, or controlled by members and/or alumni;
4) a reasonable person concludes that this was an organizational event;
5) the organization or its officers should have foreseen yet failed to take reasonable precautions against such actions;
6) a policy or practice of the organization was responsible for a violation; or
7) the behavior in question was committed by, condoned by or involved one or more organization officers or a significant number of organization members or guests.

A. Jurisdiction of the University of Missouri generally shall be limited to conduct which occurs on the University of Missouri premises or at University-sponsored or University-supervised functions. However, nothing restrains the administration of the University of Missouri from taking appropriate action, including, but not limited to, the imposition of sanctions against student organizations for conduct on or off University premises in order to protect the physical safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

B. Conduct for which student organizations are subject to sanctions fall into the following categories:

1. Condoning or sanctioning forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
2. Condoning or sanctioning obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, conduct proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus.
3. **Hazing, condoning or sanctioning physical abuse** or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person. Refer to Section 17 for the Hazing policy.

4. **Condoning or sanctioning attempted or actual theft** of, damage to, or possession without permission of property of the University or of a member of the University community or of a campus visitor.

5. **Condoning or sanctioning unauthorized possession**, duplication or use of keys to any University facilities or unauthorized entry to or use of University facilities.

6. **Condoning or sanctioning violation of University policies**, rules or regulations or of campus regulations including, but not limited to, those governing residence in University-provided housing, or the use of University facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression.

7. **Condoning or sanctioning manufacture, use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages** or any controlled substance without proper prescription or required license or as expressly permitted by law or University regulations, including operating a vehicle on University property, or on streets or roadways adjacent to and abutting a campus, under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance as prohibited by law of the state of Missouri.

8. **Condoning or sanctioning disruptive or disorderly conduct** or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression.

9. **Failure to comply** with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.

10. **Failing to comply with all university policies, state and local laws and applicable ordinances**, as well as all local, regional, national organizational policies, including but not limited to student governing council policies.

11. **Condoning or sanctioning members attempted or actual academic dishonesty**, such as cheating, plagiarism, or sabotage.

12. **Condoning or sanctioning the illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms**, explosives, other weapons, or hazardous chemicals.

13. **Condoning or sanctioning misuse in accordance with University policy of computing resources**, including but not limited to:

   a. Actual or attempted theft or other abuse.

   b. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.

   c. Unauthorized transfer of a file.

   d. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password.
e. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official.

f. Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the University computing system.

g. Knowingly causing a computer virus to become installed in a computer system or file.

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