Official Recognition of Student Organizations

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

The Committee on Student Organizations, a University Standing Committee appointed annually by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, is the official governing body of all University of Mississippi student organizations. The committee is composed of students, staff, and faculty, including a chair and secretary which it elects at the beginning of each year. All recommendations of the committee, except those involving discipline, are submitted to the Vice Chancellor for approval.

A group of students desiring to form a student organization may do so by submitting a Student Organization Information Request Form found online at the student organizations website http://dosolemiss.com/create_organization.php?page_id=107714. The information will be passed on to the chair of the Committee on Student Organizations, who will convene the whole of the committee for consideration of the petition. Along with the letter requesting official recognition, the petition should include, officers of the petitioning group, a constitution for the group, the name of a full-time University faculty and/or staff member as adviser(s), and a statement of purpose. The constitution should cover details, including dues, membership requirements and selection process, initiation requirements, and a nondiscriminatory statement. Official recognition of the group will be granted when the supporting recommendation of the committee is approved by the Vice Chancellor. Each organization must submit the name of a faculty/staff member serving as adviser to the organization who will receive notification(s), in addition to the student president, 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 adviser 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 officially may use 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. All organizations shall be listed in either a physical or electronic publication maintained by the Office of the Dean of Students, once appropriate information has been submitted to that office.

Organizations are subject to all University policies and may face disciplinary action through the University judicial process for violation of these policies.