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## Student Code of Conduct

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### IX. CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Students should be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests.
- The membership, policies, and actions of a student organization are determined by vote of those persons who hold or have held bona fide membership in the University community.
- Institutional recognition of an organization is granted by the Department of Student Life and Ministry and the Student Government Association. Student organizations are required to submit statements as deemed necessary for institutional recognition and chartering.
- Affiliation with an extramural organization does not of itself disqualify a student organization from University recognition.
- Campus advisors are required for each organization: each organization is free to choose its own, subject to approval by the Department of Student Life and Ministry. University recognition will not be immediately withdrawn solely because of the inability of a student organization to secure an advisor. Chartered student organizations will have up to two months to secure an advisor. The Vice President of Student Affairs or designee will consider any extenuating circumstances which may require an extension of that time. Campus advisors counsel organizations, but they do not have the authority to control the policies of such organizations.
- Campus organizations, including those affiliated with an extramural organization, are open to all students without regard to age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran's status as a condition for University recognition. Organizations with a 501C IRS Code may exclude membership based on gender. Religious qualifications may be required by organizations whose aims are primarily religious.
- Student organizations must adhere to policies as outlined in the Student Organization Handbook and the Code.
- The University is not liable or responsible for any injuries incurred by participants in or spectators at intramural activities, club sports, or general recreation in or outside of University facilities. Students participating in the intramural program or other recreational sports are responsible for ensuring that they are medically able to withstand the rigors of the physical activity in which they plan to engage. Likewise, all students should have sufficient health insurance in the event of an accident.
- Certain University/student-sponsored events will require special University police coverage. The Director of University Police, the Vice President of Student Affairs (or designee), or the Assistant Vice President of Student Life and Ministry will make the final determination whether an event will require special security coverage and the number of officers required. Arrangements for special security services must be made with the University

Police Department at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled event. Failure to make appropriate arrangements for University police coverage will subject the event to cancellation.