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I. Introduction

Antioch University encourages students to acquire and further interests outside the classroom that contribute to their development as members of the university and global communities. This policy sets forth students' rights and responsibilities, as well as university expectations with regard to the establishment and conduct of student organizations and student publications.

II. Student Organizations

Students bring to the University a variety of interests previously acquired and develop new interests as members of the academic community. Students of Antioch University are free to establish, join, and participate in organizations that support and advance their common interests consistent with university policy.

A. General Provisions

Members of student organizations are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and to express their opinions publicly and privately. They are free to support causes by orderly means, consistent with this policy and the Student Conduct Policy #6.103. At the same time, the organization must make clear to the academic and larger community whether the student organization is sponsored by Antioch University or is an independent student organization speaking only for itself in its public expressions.

Student organizations shall be open to all students without respect to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Any student organization that discriminates on the basis of any of the aforementioned qualities or characteristics is antithetical to the mission of the Antioch University.

Therefore, no student organization may discriminate in its membership, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Members of student organizations are responsible for their actions and must conduct themselves in accordance with the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the university.

B. Types of Organizations

1. University Sponsored Organizations

Sponsored organizations are those that are closely aligned with the University's mission. All officers and members of sponsored organization must be registered students in good standing. Sponsored organizations must have a faculty or staff advisor, may represent to others that the organization is sponsored or supported by the University, and may use the University's word mark with prior written approval from the advisor. All University-sponsored organizations must be approved by the campus Provost or Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for university-wide programs.

2. University Authorized Organizations

University authorized organizations are those formed for a purpose that the University supports. University authorized organizations do not require a faculty or staff advisor. They may use University facilities with prior approval, but may not use the University's word mark nor represent that the organization is sponsored or supported by the University. University authorized organizations may be asked to provide event insurance and/or to indemnify the University for any claims that arise out of its activities. All University authorized organizations must be approved by the campus Provost or Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for University-wide programs.

C. Membership

Membership in University sponsored or authorized organizations, as well as publications, is limited to currently enrolled students. Student organizations that select their members on the basis of commitment to a set of beliefs (for example, religious or political beliefs) may limit membership and participation in the organization to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's goals and agree with its beliefs. However, no student who so affirms may be excluded from membership or participation in the organization on the basis of unrelated protected class, such as race, color, national origin, , age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity or expression, or sex , unless, in the case of gender, they are exempt under Title IX.

III. Student Speech

Antioch University respects and encourages the free speech of every member of the University community. Student speech may take the form of oral representations of students, the oral representations of invited speakers, or the published word of students or others.

A. Student Speech

In the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the University community, as well as the larger community, Antioch University reserves the right to impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the speech of student organizations. Any restrictions shall be narrowly tailored to serve a significant University interest such as health, safety, and welfare. Antioch University will not base any restrictions on the content of the speech except that no student shall represent their views as being those of the University or that their views are endorsed by the University.

B. Speech of Invited Speaker

Student organizations may invite to the campus and hear any person of their choosing, although in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the University and larger community, the University may impose reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of that speech. The student organization must make clear to the academic and larger community that sponsorship of guest speakers does not necessarily imply approval or endorsement by the program, campus, or University of the views expressed.

C. Student Publications

Student publications are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and of intellectual exploration on the campus.

Each campus and program, in consultation with students and faculty, shall provide written clarification of the role of the student publications, the standards to be used in their evaluation, and the limitations on external control of their operation. At the same time, the

editorial freedom of student editors and managers entails corollary responsibilities to be governed by the canons of responsible journalism, such as the avoidance of libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and the techniques of harassment and innuendo.

Student publications shall be free of censorship that would violate this policy and the Academic Rights and Freedom Policy 6.102. The editors and managers of student publications are free to develop their own editorial and news coverage policies.

Antioch University will not discipline or dismiss any student, or intimidate any student through the implication that he or she will be disciplined or dismissed, on the basis of contributions to student publications because of student, faculty, administration, or public disapproval or the content of such contributions. However, the University may take disciplinary action in cases of libel, slander, indecency, fraudulent or undocumented allegations, and harassment and attacks on personal integrity.

All institutionally sponsored student publications must explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions there expressed are not necessarily those of the campus, program, University, or student body.

D. Political Speech and Activities

Any speech, student publications, or other political activities of student organizations must conform to the guidelines set forth in the Political Activities Policy #4.621.

IV. Campus and Program Responsibilities

Consistent with this policy, each campus and University-wide program is expected to develop its own processes and procedures for the establishment and operation of student organizations and publications that are specific to and appropriate for that campus or program and shall include, at a minimum, the following guidelines for both sponsored and university authorized student organizations:

- Approval/authority over campus orgs at the campus or program level;
- By-laws or governance of student organizations;
- Obtaining and maintaining recognition as a sponsored organization;
- Obtaining and maintaining recognition as University authorized organization;
- Role and responsibility of the faculty or staff advisor;
- Requesting and using the University word mark;
- Requesting and using University funds and other resources;
- Fund raising student organizations;
- Requesting and using University facilities and grounds;
- Student organization travel; and

- Guidelines specific to student publications, including access to various types of media.

V. Noncompliance

Failure of sponsored or University authorized organizations to comply with University, campus, or program policies and standards for student organizations may result in the loss of recognition as a sponsored or university authorized organization and all related rights and benefits.

Policy Cross Reference

Student Conduct Policy	Policy # 6.103
Student Academic Rights and Freedom Policy	Policy # 6.102
Student Academic Integrity Policy	Policy # 6.105
Political Activities Policy	Policy #4.621