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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. This policy applies to the following types of student organizations:

1. University-sponsored Organizations. Sponsored organizations are those that are closely aligned with the University's mission. Sponsored organizations must have a faculty or staff advisor and must be approved by the relevant Provost. All officers and members of sponsored organizations must be currently enrolled students in good standing. Sponsored organizations 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.

2. Non-affiliated Organizations. Non-affiliated organizations are groups involving University students that are not sponsored by the University. Non-affiliated organizations may not use the University's word mark nor represent that the organization is sponsored or supported by the University. Non-affiliated organizations may be asked to pay facility use fees, provide event insurance and/or to indemnify the University for any claims that arise out of its activities.

III. 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, without disruption to the learning environment and/or University functions, 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, non-affiliated student organization.

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.

A. Membership

Membership in University-sponsored organizations, including University-sponsored publications, is limited to currently enrolled students. Although Alumni may participate as invited guests, they may not be considered members or hold leadership positions. 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.

IV. Student Organization Activities

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

In general, student organizations may invite to the campus and hear any person(s) of their choosing. 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.

Once approved, 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. The organization must include the following disclaimer on any promotional materials: "The views expressed at this event are not necessarily those of the program, campus, or University and are not approved or endorsed by Antioch University."

C. Use of Campus Facilities

Student organizations may request to use University facilities for activities with educational value to the University community. Approval of requests for facility reservations will be granted subject to availability of appropriate space, length of advance notice, and safety and security considerations. 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 the activity, up to and including

denial of event approval or cancellation or postponement of a previously-approved event. Organizations are required to identify any possible safety and security concerns at the time of the reservation request.

D. 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 on the basis of contributions to student publications. However, the University may take disciplinary action in cases of libel, slander, indecency, fraudulent or undocumented allegations, and harassment and *ad hominem* attacks.

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

E. 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.

V. 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:

1. Approval/authority over sponsored organizations at the campus or program level;
2. By-laws or governance of sponsored organizations;
3. Obtaining and maintaining recognition as a sponsored organization;
4. Role and responsibility of the faculty or staff advisor;
5. Requesting and using the University word mark;
6. Requesting and using University funds and other resources;
7. Fundraising for sponsored organizations;
8. Requesting and using University facilities and grounds;
9. Student organization travel; and
10. Guidelines specific to student publications, including access to various types of media.

VI. Noncompliance

Failure by sponsored student organizations to comply with University, campus, or program policies and standards may result in the loss of recognition as a sponsored 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