



AP 5992 Campus Clubs & Student Organizations

References:

N/A

Purpose: Students bring to RCC a variety of interests. They develop new interests as members of the College community. They may organize and join collegiate clubs and organizations to promote their common interests, subject to the following considerations:

A. Membership Policies

1. **Campus Clubs:** Campus clubs are open to all current RCC students and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, age, pregnancy or any other status protected under applicable federal, state or local laws. The leadership, policies, and actions of a campus club are typically determined by a vote of the club's members.
2. **Student Organizations:** Student organizations are generally affiliated with a larger, national or regional organization. They typically play a significant role in supporting the mission and goals of RCC and may be provided with specific resources to do so (such as physical space, funding and staffing support). Student organizations, including those affiliated with an external organization, are open to all current RCC students and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, age, pregnancy or any other status protected under applicable federal, state or local laws. However, organization criteria may limit membership options; for example, grade point average may be a limiting criterion.
3. **Recognition:** As a condition of the College's recognition, campus clubs and student organizations are required to submit to the Associated Student Government of RCC's (ASGRCC) Executive Council an application for charter, which includes a statement of purpose, criteria for membership, operational procedures, current list of officers, an identified advisor, and number of active members.
4. **Community participation:** Community members may participate in the meetings and activities of campus clubs and student organizations, provided their behavior adheres to the Student Standards of Conduct (AP 5500) and aligns with the goals of the students and advisors of the club or organization. They may not serve in an official capacity as an officer or vote in club or organization decisions.

B. Campus Clubs and Student Organizations Advisors

1. **Campus Clubs:** Campus clubs typically choose their own college advisor. Clubs chartered by ASGRCC must have an advisor who is an RCC employee. College employees serve the College community when they accept the responsibility to advise campus clubs. In the course of such duties, the advisors have an obligation to protect the general interests of the College.
2. **Student Organizations:** Student organizations, such as AZP (the RCC Honor Society) typically have a college advisor assigned to them. College staff members serve the College community when they accept the responsibility to advise student organizations. In the course of such duties, the advisors have an obligation to protect the general interests of the College.
3. As employees of RCC, campus club and student organization advisors are expected to:
 - Treat all employees, students, and members of the general public with dignity and respect in their behavior and their communications when they are on campus or involved in a college activity;
 - Accept responsibility for the appropriateness of their own conduct; and
 - Comply with all laws, policies, procedures, or contracts applicable to workplace and academic behavior.
 - For further expectations of all employees, students, vendors, and members of the general public please see AP 3053 Respectful College Community.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Director of Student Engagement is responsible for implementing and updating this administrative procedure.

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