



Manual of Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

Vermont State Colleges recognizes the right of students to organize into groups of common interest. Self-initiated association for lawful and productive purposes is encouraged as a means of enhancing ones educational experience and strengthening the colleges.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. Official recognition shall establish the eligibility of a particular student organization to compete for financial support through allocation of student fees at the college level. Recognition shall also permit the organization to use the college name as well as certain college facilities, services and equipment as determined by each college.
2. The President shall have final authority to officially recognize student organizations at each college.
3. The President shall issue criteria for use in acting upon applications for recognition, and reasonable procedural requirements to maintain fiscal and organizational accountability following recognition. Once recognized, an organization may be deprived of its recognition status by the President where there has been a failure to maintain compliance with established criteria and/or procedural requirements.
4. As a condition for recognition, student organizations shall be required to abide by reasonable college rules and regulations, to abide by local, state and federal laws and to respect the rights of non-member students to participate freely in lawful college activities without substantial interference. Organizations which practice discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability shall not be eligible for official recognition.
5. The President shall provide roles for the college student association in the exercise of his/her authority under this policy.

Signed by:	Charles I. Bunting Chancellor
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