




# National University of Health Sciences General Policies

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## POLICY STATEMENT

National University of Health Sciences (NUHS), believing active student organizations to be an important aspect of professional University life, encourages students to form organizations and to assume responsibility for their effective operation to the end that the purpose(s) for which such organizations were formed is (are) achieved to the greatest possible degree.

The University recognizes that all of its students are adults and consequently are responsible for their actions, both when acting as individuals and when acting in behalf of a student organization (agents) of which they are members. In no case, however, shall a student member of a student organization itself be an agent of the University or act as an agent of the University, unless specifically authorized to do so in writing by the President of the University or his/her designee.

### Procedures

The authority to register a student organization is vested in the Dean of Students. Only those student organizations that meet certain prerequisites, which are set forth below, are eligible to be considered for registration. The Student Council must meet these prerequisites. Students may choose to form organizations that do not meet these prerequisites, but in doing so, shall not be privileged to either seek or acquire registration with the Dean of Students.

Requisite to registration with the Dean of Students by any student organization is a clear statement of organizational purpose(s) that support the mission of NUHS and are compatible with: (1) Article 2 of NUHS' Articles of Incorporation, (2) Section 3 of Article 1 of the NUHS Bylaws and (3) the section of the annual University Bulletin dealing with the nature and purpose of the University. Thus, a student organization must support the institutional values, practice profile and mission of NUHS.

A student organization desiring registration with the Dean of Students must have purposes(s) related clearly to the following:

1. The development of sciences dealing with the alleviation and curing of human suffering and disease and in particular all phases of natural medicine and related sciences.
2. The preservation and advancement of learning, especially with regard to all branches of the theory and practice of chiropractic drugless therapy and the relates sciences,
3. The University's curriculum and the relates sciences,
4. The University's research program
5. The advancement of public health and the education of the public with respect to public health,
6. Activities related to the above, designated to prepare students to take their places in the civic, social, cultural, spiritual and political aspects of community life and leadership.

As a condition of registration, and the continuation thereof, student organizations, including the Student Council, must agree, in writing, to abide by all federal, state and local laws, as well as all University policies, rules, and regulations governing student conduct, behavior, and department, and must also agree to conduct their activities in a manner to reflect credit upon the University and calculated not to be disruptive to the normal conduct of University business, especially the business of education students. Also, that the student group not act in violation of the law or act to incite or produce such action. Such writing must also contain acknowledgement that student organizational officers and members do not represent the University in an official capacity, and as such, are not subject to the day-to-day direction by any member(s) of the University's administration, faculty or support staff.

Students desiring to establish an organization must submit a constitution, or bylaws, or both, as applicable, to the Dean of Students. Any such constitution, or set of bylaws, or both, must contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. The name of the organization.
2. The purpose(s) of the organization.
3. The name of the Board of Directors (by whatever designation).
4. The powers of the Board of Directors.
5. The number, titles, powers, terms of office, eligibility, and method of election of the officers of the organization.

The provisions governing annual, regular, and special meetings (if any), including, but not limited to, the issues of quorum, the rules governing meetings, such as Roberts Rules of Order (as amended), and information action by the Board of Directors:

1. Provisions for the management of the fiscal affairs of the organization.
2. A statement to the effect that the organization, in administering its affairs, shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, handicap, or age.
3. A provision covering the dissolution of the organization.
4. The provision(s) governing amendment(s) to the constitution.
5. The constitution, bylaws, or both, may contain provisions addressing additional issues as the nature of the student organization may require.

Funding for student organizations, including the Student Council, is derived from the student activity fee paid by each student for each trimester for which the student enrolls. This activity fee is collected by the University and turned over to the Student Council, which is responsible for administering these funds in accord with its constitution. No funding for the Student Council or other student organization(s) shall be provided by the University from University funds.

The Student Council, as long as it continues to meet the aforementioned prerequisites, and student organizations having a valid registration with the Dean of Students, shall be privileged to use the name of the University in juxtaposition to the name of the organization, and shall be privileged, for a fee to be determined by the University's Vice President for Business Services, by this title or similar title, to post notices of their meetings and activities on University bulletin boards designated for such purpose by the University, and to the use of University facilities, both to be coordinated by the Dean of Students.

The activities of registered student organizations and the Student Council shall be monitored by the Dean of Students and/or his/her designee for conformity with the aforementioned prerequisites and conditions. Failure to conform may result in the loss of the registration for a student organization. Such failure by the Student Council itself shall result in the loss of any or all privileges granted by the University through the Dean of Students.

