

RECOGNITION AND REVIEW OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

William Jewell College recognizes that students bring to campus a variety of interests and develop new interests as members of the community. Therefore, students are free to organize and promote their common ideas. Students shall have the right to assemble as long as they do not: a) violate the civil law or the college code of conduct, b) destroy property, c) disrupt classes and any other regular and essential operation of the college, or d) in any way infringe upon the rights of other individuals or organizations.

Any student organization may petition for official college recognition if all of the following are true: a) its purpose is consistent with William Jewell's mission, heritage and values, b) the group has a special purpose and/or objectives beyond mere affiliation, c) membership requirements are clearly defined and documented, and d) the group meets an area of interest not already served by an existing organization.

Leadership from the organization requesting recognition must request and submit an application to the Director of Student Activities who shall confirm basic eligibility requirements and recommend changes regarding organizational issues. Specifics which should be addressed in this document include, but are not limited to the following, a) name, b) membership, c) mission statement, d) finances, e) affiliation (local and national), f) principles, g) leadership (officers), and h) objectives.

The Director shall present eligible applications to the Committee on Campus Organizations. Upon review, the Committee shall recommend disposition to the Dean/Vice President of Student Affairs. He/she, in consultation with the President, shall grant or deny recognition status.

Each organization will be reviewed once every two years, or more often, if the President, Dean/Vice President of Student Affairs, or Director in his/her sole discretion, finds cause to believe that an organization is no longer following the mission statement in the application or has fulfilled its purpose or usefulness. If such a finding is made, the organization shall file the new application for recognition which shall be processed as a new application. Recognition shall be continued while a new application is processed, unless the President finds that the best interests of the College require recognition to be suspended until the new application has been finally acted upon. If an organization is inactive for two years, reapplication shall be required for recognition. The two-year review shall be made by the Director. He/she shall make a recommendation to the Committee on Campus Organizations and the Committee shall recommend to the Dean/Vice President who shall take the final action after consultation with the President.

At the beginning of each academic year the organizations under review for that year will be announced. The Review application may be picked up from the Student Affairs Office anytime during the fall semester and must be returned to the Director of Student Activities by March 1st of the spring semester. The review process is considered public and all applications, past and present, are open, upon request.

Approved by Student Affairs and Religious Life Committee 6/18/99.