

# III. Campus Life

## Student Organizations

Involvement is the key to getting the most from your college experience. The cocurricular aspect of a college education provides opportunities for growth and development that complement and enhance your in-class learning. UTC provides many opportunities to become involved in campus life through its over 150 active student clubs and organizations. All of the student organizations listed on the following pages have specific purposes, goals and/or functions. Each also sponsors many programs, activities and social functions each year.

Many of these activities have become a traditional part of the activities calendar: Greek Show, Homecoming, Student Government Association events, ACE movies, lectures, art shows, and recitals. But many new and experimental programs are also scheduled yearly, particularly under the auspices of the Association for Campus Entertainment, and a highly diversified program gives the individual student many choices of interests and activities.

## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) at UTC is an active and vital campus organization. SGA provides funding to student organizations, gives initial approval to new student organizations, serves as a link between the student body and the administration, enacts legislation concerning current campus issues, and provides other valuable functions and services for the students at UTC. In addition, the SGA recommends students to serve on faculty committees including parking, curriculum, scholarship, and admissions, to name a few. Student members have both a voice and a vote on these committees. Student Government may sometimes act as a complaint board or as an information referral for students. SGA also provides a major portion of the entertainment on campus including concerts, dances, and movies.

Every student is a member of SGA and is represented on the Student Senate by 27 senators who are elected by academic schools or colleges. There are three executive officers: president, vice president, and treasurer, elected from the student body at large, and a secretary, who is appointed. Fourteen of the 27 senators are elected during the fall semester and 13 at the spring elections. To be eligible to run for an SGA senate seat a student must have and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA, be currently enrolled and taking 12 semester hours (undergraduate) or nine semester hours (graduate classes), have completed at least 12 hours of class work at UTC and not be on disciplinary probation. To be eligible to serve as an officer of the SGA, one must meet this requirement plus additional conditions specified in the SGA constitution.

All interested students are welcome to attend the weekly SGA meetings. Students who wish to become involved in SGA are advised to go to the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Development, 306 University Center, or the SGA offices, University Center.

The Graduate Student Association represents the needs and concerns of graduate students. Students who wish to become involved should contact the Graduate School Office, Race Hall, for the names of current officers.

## Student Media Organizations

There are three major student-run organizations at UTC. Each is entirely staffed and produced by UTC students. The student newspaper, and the literary magazine are responsible to the Publications Board, their policy making body. The board has outlined its policies in the *Manual for Student Publications*.

The *University Echo* takes an active role in campus life. It serves the university community not only as a ready source of campus news and other information of interest to college students, but also as the medium through which both student and faculty opinions can be presented, discussed, and recorded. Published weekly under the editorship of students, the *Echo* is

supported by the University and is distributed free to all students and faculty. Interested students may apply for positions on the staff in reporting, editorial (news, features, and sports writing, copy reading, etc.), business (advertising, sales, bookkeeping, etc.), or layout/design capacities by coming by the *Echo* offices in the University Center. The *Echo* also welcomes individual student's letters.

The UTC literary magazine, the *Sequoia Review*, is published once yearly and has won many regional and national awards. All students, faculty, and administration may submit material to be considered for publication. This material should be in the form of poetry, short stories, art work, photographs, or essays. The *Sequoia Review* editor and staff may be contacted through Student Development or through the English Department.

**MOCS News** is UTC's student run television show. These short news updates air regularly throughout the day on Comcast Cable Channel 3 and in the University Center on campus. **MOCS News** keeps students and the community up-to-date with the latest information in campus news and events, sports, politics, technology, and more! Mocs News is shot at the Television Studios on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. **MOCS News** is produced by students, for the students of UTC and for the Chattanooga Community. We here at **MOCS News** hope to provide a student's prospective of news whether it be campus news, local news, or even national news. If you have any questions, or want to know how you can contribute to **MOCS News**, email us at [MocsNews@utc.edu](mailto:MocsNews@utc.edu).

## Major Campus Organizations

The following campus organizations are open to all interested students and are large, active and have been well established on the campus for many years. Membership information can be obtained in the Dean of Students Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor UC or the faculty/staff advisor. The Student Handbook contains a list of faculty/staff advisors for each organization.

The **Campus Activity Board (CAB)** hosts all campus-wide programming on campus. Planning Oak Street Roast to Homecoming, CAB plans your days, nights and weekends and offers students the opportunity to have professional experience programming and executing events. CAB's mission is to provide leadership opportunities and professional experiences to students in CAB while planning UTC programs all year long. All students are encouraged to apply, applications open every Fall.

The **Black Student Alliance** is organized to promote a better interracial relationship between students on the campus, to become better involved in social and academic activities of the University, and to act as a medium between members of the organization and other organizations on campus.

The **International Student Organizations's** purpose is to augment friendly communication among people of different cultures and to help international students adjust, extending its services to the community.

The **Residence Hall Association (RHA)** is the governing body for all students living in the residence halls. The purpose of RHA is to foster a sense of community between the complexes by planning social and educational programs and to serve as a link between the residence hall students and administration.

## Service Organizations

Interested students may become "tapped" into one of the service organizations whose members volunteer their services for University and community functions. Members are chosen on the basis of service, leadership, and loyalty.

**Circle K** is an international college organization sponsored by the Kiwanis International to promote service projects on campus and in the community.

**Mortar Board** is a college senior honor society whose main purpose is service to the campus community. Mortar Board members aim to support the ideals of the University, to advance a spirit of scholarship, to recognize and encourage leadership, and to provide service.

The **Student Alumni Council** is composed of 40 members who work closely with the Chancellor and the Director of Alumni Programs to promote the interests, ideas, and goals of our University. SAC strives to instill in all students a sense of continuing responsibility to UTC.

## Fraternities and Sororities

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has eleven national fraternities and eight national sororities presently active chapters on campus. The **Panhellenic Council** is the governing body for all National Panhellenic Council sororities on campus. It fosters cooperation, goodwill, and friendliness among sororities and non-sorority groups, plans recruitment activities, and administers regulations governing sororities. The members of UTC's Panhellenic council are **Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa**.

The **National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)** provides action strategies on matters of mutual concern. There are eight member organizations which consist of the predominantly African-American Greek-letter fraternities and sororities. Their members are **Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta**.

The **Interfraternity Council (IFC)** regulates affairs for the fraternities on campus. It establishes and administers rules governing rushing, pledging, and initiations of fraternities and encourages cooperation and harmony among its members. The members of the IFC are: **Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Chi**.

## Departmental and Interest Clubs

Departmental and interest clubs are numerous and varied on the UTC campus. They range from the Art Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to the Rowing Club. Many varied fields of study, professions, and interests are represented. Each year several new organizations are added to adequately reflect student interests and needs. So—if you do not find the one you are looking for, you can begin a new club yourself. See guidelines listed later in this section for general procedures and feel free to consult with interested faculty members or members of the Student Development staff for help in getting a new group started.

Membership in departmental and interest clubs is typically open to all interested students. Information regarding a particular group can be obtained from the faculty/staff advisor (listed on the chart in this section) or through the Student Development Office. Also, watch the campus bulletin boards for notices concerning meetings and other programs.

## Honor Societies

Many organizations exist which recognize scholastic achievement in different academic areas or overall academic record. In addition, several honor societies exist to recognize service, leadership, or a combination of the three qualities. These groups, while quite often designated with Greek letters, are very different in nature from the social fraternities and sororities. Although some restrict membership to upperclass students, there are a number which begin recognizing students as early as their second semester at UTC. Information regarding a particular group can be obtained from the faculty/staff advisor (listed on the chart in the section) or through the Student Development Office.

## UTC - Student Right-To-Know

In accordance with the Student Right To Know Act, the University provides the following information: By the end of the 2009-10 school year, 38 percent of the students who entered The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as full-time freshman in the fall of 2004 completed baccalaureate degrees.

Any questions concerning this information or similar data on student athletes contact:

Dr. Richard Gruetzmacher  
Office of Planning, Evaluation & Institutional Research  
615 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403 (423) 425-4007

## Campus Ministry Association

The Campus Ministry Association at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is an organization of campus ministry professionals who have come together from a wide variety of religious traditions to share a common interest in the free expression of religious faith in the life of the University.

The Association shall be a support community for the encouragement of those engaging in this ministry. It is a forum for the sharing of information and viewpoints helpful for the common task. It is the official point of contact between the campus religious communities and the Division of Student Development. For more information visit [www.utc.edu/dos/campusministries.php](http://www.utc.edu/dos/campusministries.php)

## Campus Ministries @ UTC :

### Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)

540 Vine Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 266-5121  
[associate@chattanoogaabc.com](mailto:associate@chattanoogaabc.com)  
[www.chattanoogaabc.com](http://www.chattanoogaabc.com)

### Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)

(423) 243-8357  
[Paul-Hilliard@usc.org](mailto:Paul-Hilliard@usc.org)  
[www.chattanoogaacru.com](http://www.chattanoogaacru.com)

### Catholic Student Center

514 Palmetto St.  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
Sun/Weds @ 6:30 pm  
(423) 779-2400  
[Jim-mallett@utc.edu](mailto:Jim-mallett@utc.edu)

### Christian Student Center

609 Houston St.  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 267-4488  
[jcox@utccsc.org](mailto:jcox@utccsc.org)  
[www.utccsc.org](http://www.utccsc.org)

### Church of God In Christ

[Martin\\_jxyz@yahoo.com](mailto:Martin_jxyz@yahoo.com)

### Episcopal University Ministry

305 W. 7th St.  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
(423) 266-8195  
[Leopold@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:Leopold@stpaulschatt.org)  
[www.stpaulschatt.org](http://www.stpaulschatt.org)

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes

(423)834-0475  
[zferrell@fca.org](mailto:zferrell@fca.org)  
[www.chattanoogaafca.org](http://www.chattanoogaafca.org)

**Hope808: Presbyterian Campus Ministries**

808 Vine St. Chattanooga, TN 37403 (423) 265-2227  
[hope808UTC@gmail.com](mailto:hope808UTC@gmail.com)

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

[jmorri04@yahoo.com](mailto:jmorri04@yahoo.com)  
[www.intervarsity.org](http://www.intervarsity.org)

**Jewish Student Union**

923 McCallie Ave.  
 Chattanooga, TN 37403  
 (423) 267-9771  
[rabbi@mizpahcongregation.org](mailto:rabbi@mizpahcongregation.org)  
[www.mizpahcongregation.org](http://www.mizpahcongregation.org)

**Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)**

535 McCallie Ave.  
 Chattanooga, TN 37403  
[jcraft@ruf.org](mailto:jcraft@ruf.org)  
[www.utcruf.org](http://www.utcruf.org)  
 (423) 322-2157

**The House: University Ministries of Chattanooga**

650 McCallie Ave.  
 Chattanooga, TN 37403  
 (423) 752-9407  
[jason@thehouseutc.org](mailto:jason@thehouseutc.org)  
[www.thehouseutc.org](http://www.thehouseutc.org)

**The Wesley Center: United Methodist Campus Ministries**

607 Douglas St.  
 Chattanooga, TN 37403  
 (423) 266-3691  
[info@wesleyutc.com](mailto:info@wesleyutc.com)  
[www.wesleyutc.com](http://www.wesleyutc.com)

**Young Life (YL)**

(423) 634-7188 [jdrinkwine84@gmail.com](mailto:jdrinkwine84@gmail.com)  
[www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org)

## Termination of Financial Assistance

**General**

- A. *Coverage.* The provisions of this policy apply to student financial assistance except graduate assistantships and fellowships.
- B. *Purpose.* The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the termination of financial assistance.

**Definitions**

- A. *Athletic Grant-in-Aid.* A contract for financial assistance which has been approved by the Scholarships Committee and awarded in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Southern Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- B. *Financial Aid.* Assistance awarded to a student in one of the following categories: work, scholarship, loan, grant.

**Notice**

- A. Athletic Grant-in-Aid
  1. Whenever the Athletics Department proposes that the financial assistance be terminated within the contract period, the student shall be notified in writing by the director of financial aid of the proposed termination. The notice shall contain the reasons for termination, the student's right to a hearing in accordance with the

contested case provision of the Administrative Procedures Act or in accordance with the provisions hereinafter provided. All NCAA regulations applying to the graduation and cancellation during the period of the award will be followed.

2. Whenever athletic financial assistance is not to be renewed at the end of the contract period, the student shall be notified of his or her right to a hearing, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, before the Scholarships Committee. [15.3.5].
- B. Financial Aid. Whenever financial aid is to be modified or terminated, the student shall be notified of the reasons for the proposed modification or termination and of the right to appeal by contacting the Director of Financial Aid. If the Director of Financial Aid is unable to amicably resolve the student's appeal, it shall proceed as follows:
    1. If the appeal concerns interpretation of policy, the student shall be afforded the right of further appeal through the Director's Review Committee to the Chancellor.
    2. If the appeal concerns a disputed question of fact, the student shall be advised of the right to a hearing before the Scholarships Committee or in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.
  - C. "Plus One" Policy Termination. A student found guilty of NCAA violations, whether he meets the guidelines of the Plus One Policy or not, should forfeit any benefits provided by the University to its athletes. Guidelines of "Plus One" are distributed by the Athletics Department.

**Request for a Hearing**

- A. Termination of Athletic Grant-in-Aid. The request for a hearing together with his or her election of an Administrative Procedures Act hearing or one under this policy shall be made in writing to the Director of Financial Aid within five business days of receipt of the notice of proposed termination.
  1. If the student elects a hearing under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Director of Financial Aid shall forward the file to the Chancellor for appointment of a hearing officer.
  2. If the student elects a hearing under this policy statement, the Director of Financial Aid shall immediately notify the chair of the Scholarships Committee.
- B. Nonrenewal of Athletic Grant-in-Aid. The request for a hearing must be forwarded to the Director of Financial Aid within five business days of receipt of written notice of nonrenewal.
- C. Disputed Fact Regarding Financial Aid Termination. The request for a hearing must be forwarded to the Director of Financial Aid within five business days of receipt of written notice of the decision of the Director of Financial Aid.
  1. If the student elects a hearing under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Director of Financial Aid shall forward the file to the Chancellor for the appointment of a hearing officer.
  2. If the student elects a hearing under this policy statement, the Director of Financial Aid shall immediately forward the request for a hearing together with a copy of the complete file to the chair of the Scholarships Committee.

**Responsibility of the Scholarships Committee**

It shall be the responsibility of the Scholarships Committee to:

- A. Conduct a hearing within 10 business days of the student's request for said hearing. When the University is not in session, the hearing shall be held as soon as reasonably possible.
- B. Make findings of fact and a determination as to the termination of financial aid.

- C. Notify the student as soon as possible of the committee's decision.
- D. Notify the student of his or her right to appeal to the Chancellor in writing within five business days.

**Hearing Procedures**

Students who are entitled to a hearing as above are entitled to the following procedural rights:

- A. A written notice of the alleged grounds for termination of financial assistance.
- B. A reasonable notice of the time and place of the requested hearing.
- C. The assistance of a representative of choice. If the student requesting a hearing desires to be represented by an attorney, the University must be notified by the student at least five business days prior to the scheduled hearing.
- D. The opportunity to present all pertinent evidence including witnesses.
- E. The opportunity to confront and cross-examine all adverse witnesses.

**Appeal**

- A. Scholarships Committee Decision. The student may appeal the decision of the Scholarships Committee to the Chancellor. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the chancellor within five business days.
- B. Administrative Procedures Act. The decision of the Chancellor is final in all cases heard under the contested case provision of the Administrative Procedures Act. Further appeal shall be in accordance with the provisions of that act.

**Eligibility for Athletics**

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga believes strongly in athletic competition. The University also believes that academic and other standards must be maintained by all students regardless of their extracurricular activities.

1. Only regular full-time students (those carrying 12 hours per semester) are eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics.
2. A student athlete must be making satisfactory progress toward a degree as set forth by the current NCAA/Southern Conference manuals.
3. Transfer students must meet current standards set forth by the NCAA and Southern Conference organizations.
4. Head coaches are obligated to inform the individual students of the NCAA regulations and all students must abide by these regulations.
5. A student may not participate in intercollegiate athletics until his/her eligibility is certified by the Athletics Compliance Office, the Office of Records and Registration and the Faculty Athletics Committee.

**Intramurals**

Intramural activity programs sponsored by the Campus Recreation Department on the UTC campus encourage students to manage, direct, and participate in physical activities as part of the learning process. Students may participate as individuals in some sports or as part of a team through fraternity, sorority, or independent organizations. Competition is keen with the winners receiving awards to document their accomplishments. Intramural activities include badminton, basketball, flag football, golf, innertube basketball, racquetball, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, wrestling, table tennis and indoor soccer. The Intramural Office is located in the Aquatic and Recreation Center. Office hours are 1-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The telephone number is 425-4213.

**Art**

The Art Department, an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design, offers a number of activities supplementing its curriculum. The University galleries in the Fine Arts Center exhibit a wide variety of professional and student shows during the year, often with gallery talks by visiting artists. The department also sponsors a number of workshops each year by nationally known artists. The department's collection of original contemporary paintings, sculpture, and graphics is displayed in various buildings on the campus. Field trips are made annually to regional and/or national museums.

**Drama/University Theatre**

Sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Speech, the University Theatre brings to University and community audiences the opportunity to enjoy both classical and modern plays in major productions throughout the school year. Participation in departmental production activities is open to all students enrolled at the University.

The Theatre program is housed in the Fine Arts Center. The Theatre facilities include the Dorothy Hackett Ward Theatre (a 300-seat proscenium theatre), the Studio Theatre (a flexible-space experimental theatre), and shops for scenery and costume. Call 425-4374 for information.

**Bands, Orchestra, and Choral Activities**

Various opportunities are open for students who wish to use and develop their musical abilities. The Chattanooga Singers, the Chamber Singers, Women's Chorale, Men's Chorus, Opera Workshop and summers only Master Chorale are six excellent and active groups for singers. The Chattanooga Singers have presented choral concerts throughout the world and are past recipients of the prestigious "Love of Chattanooga" award. The large choral group's repertoire consists of spiritual, sacred, and secular music, often performing with orchestra. They have performed in Asia, Russia, Great Britain, New Zealand, and Australia. Membership is open to all students through an audition with the director. The Chamber Singers perform advanced choral literature representing a wide span of music history from early chant through the most contemporary compositions. Membership in this select ensemble is open to all students through competitive audition. Both the Women's Chorale and Men's Chorus are open to all students with no audition and they focus on a wide variety of music written specifically for single gender choruses. The UTC Master Chorale is only offered in the summer and is a combination of UTC graduate and undergraduate students and community members, many of whom are members of local civic choruses. They perform a wide variety of music from major works with organ to small acapella choral works. Membership is open to all students and community members through a short voice placement audition.

The UTC Opera Workshop presents a fully staged and costumed work accompanied by the UTC Symphony Orchestra. Works selected are an hour long and usually of a lighter nature. Opera Workshop also performs a selection of various opera scenes. Opera Workshop is open to all UTC students and requires an audition with the director.

The UTC Symphony Orchestra performs college-level orchestral literature and supports the Opera Workshop program and Choral ensembles. Members are selected by open audition and are required to participate in all rehearsals and concerts each semester.

The UTC Band program is comprised of several performing groups open to any student with appropriate experience. Each ensemble is a regularly scheduled class carrying one hour credit. Marching Band meets two times per week in the fall and performs for home football games and exhibitions. Trips are taken with no expense to the student and members are excused from classes. Band camp is held one week before the beginning of the fall semester. The Symphonic Band rehearses weekly in the fall and three times per week in the spring. The ensemble presents one to two concerts each semester. The Pep Band performs at most home basketball games and attends all tournament games (Southern Conference, NCAA, NIT) at no cost to the student. The UTC Jazz Bands are open to students by audition only. Several small ensembles, such as Percussion Ensemble, Tuba Euphonium Ensemble, and Chamber Winds are available for advanced students.

Music scholarships (performance grants) are available to all qualified UTC students regardless of major. Applicants audition for the Music Department faculty and, if awarded a performance grant, are required to perform in the appropriate ensemble for their instrument or voice. Recipients are also typically required to enroll in applied instruction (private lessons) for their voice or instrument. Performance grant auditions are held in the spring.

All interested students should contact the Department of Music at 425-4601 or visit its website at [www.utc.edu/music](http://www.utc.edu/music).

# The Registration of Student Organizations

The University has as its primary purpose the search for truth, and the chief limits on student activities are the requirements of the University as a corporate entity with legal obligations to the state. The University encourages students to participate in civic and social activities. Students have the opportunity to participate in associations which promote political literacy and interest in public affairs. They also have the opportunity to hear speakers—whether from the faculty, the student body, or from outside the University—who represent diverse views. The University encourages the free exchange and discussion of ideas as part of its responsibility in preparing its students. In doing so, it neither endorses nor disclaims any particular idea, system of thought, or point of view.

When groups of students wish to have a continuous association, intended to last beyond the term of those immediately involved, it is proper that they be required to qualify for registration by the University. All registered associations are accorded the same privileges and bound by the same obligations. University registration does not mean endorsement of the purposes or activities of any association by the faculty or administration. It means only that the association is accepted as meeting the minimum requirements set for all student associations.

National social fraternities and sororities have their own governing and advisory organizations. Acceptance of these organizations as responsible agencies, through which the University may deal with their affiliates on the campus, is part of continuing University registration. Such organizations, therefore, are not required to follow the specific provisions herein for faculty advisors and for fund control.

## I. University Registration Process for New Organizations

To apply, a student group should submit a copy of its constitution to the Dean of Students Office. The constitution will be sent to the Student Government Association (SGA) who will schedule hearings with the SGA Procedures Committee and the Senate. The SGA will make a recommendation to the Dean of Students.

The Dean of Students will notify the applying organization if it is to be officially recognized. Until the group receives notice of official recognition in writing, it will not be permitted to use University facilities or receive other benefits reserved for student organizations.

## II. Requirements for Student Organizations

A. *Constitution.* Any group petitioning for recognition as a student organization must present a constitution following a standard form to facilitate reference. Social fraternities and sororities may be required to submit the equivalent national affiliates or other pertinent information. The constitution must contain the following information:

1. The name of the organization.
2. A statement of purpose for the organization.
3. Membership eligibility requirements.
4. A listing of officers by title, and any special functions of the offices.
5. A statement of the terms of the officers, and the time and methods of election.
6. Frequency of meetings.
7. A statement of any membership dues, including amount and frequency of payment and provision for disposition of any funds in the event of dissolution of the organization.
8. Provision for faculty advisers.
9. Any other provision relating to the purpose and function of the particular organization.

B. *Purpose.* The statement of purpose shall be acceptable:

1. If it is reasonably clear and specific as to the aims and activities of the organization;

2. If the stated aims and activities of the organization are compatible with the academic function of the University, with the maintenance of order and propriety on the campus, and with the requirements of the University as a corporate entity with legal obligations.

C. *Size and Continuity.* A minimum number of five members shall be required for recognition, of which two shall be executive officers. Organizations whose membership is less than five at time of petitioning or during organization tenure at UTC may appeal to the Dean of Students Office for an exception. Exceptions will be based on student organization's membership plan, history at UTC and organizational purpose.

D. *Membership: Eligibility and Records.* Membership in recognized student organizations shall be limited to students of the University, except where membership of faculty or other University staff is consistent with the structure and purposes stated in the constitution. Accurate membership records must be maintained and available to the faculty advisor.

To be eligible to serve as an officer in a registered student organization, a student must not be on academic or disciplinary probation.

E. *Faculty Advisors: Eligibility and Role.* All student organizations except national social fraternities and sororities (which shall have alumni advisors) and religious centers operating under church auspices, must have at least one qualified faculty advisor. When the membership exceeds fifty, organizations are urged to obtain an additional faculty advisor. Any faculty member at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga may serve as faculty advisor to a student organization. With the sanction of the Dean of Students Office non-teaching members of the University staff whose positions are comparable to full-time faculty members may also serve. The Dean of Students Office must be notified of any change in faculty advisors. A faculty member who agrees to the request of a student organization to serve as its faculty advisor accepts thereby responsibility for encouraging the organization in its purposes and activities, within the limits of University policy. Faculty and alumni advisors are responsible for being familiar with:

1. This policy and other University regulations pertaining to student organizations and speakers.
2. The constitution and purposes of the student organization they are advising.
3. The activities and projects of their organizations.

F. *Retaining Recognition.* For a student organization to be considered as continuing on active status, the following conditions must be met:

1. The organization must complete the "Student Organization Information Sheet" by September 1st of fall semester and by February 15th of spring semester. This form is available in the University Center Office, Room 233, and should be submitted each semester to the Assistant Director/Programs of the University Center.
2. Any change or amendments affecting the nature or purpose of the organization at originally approved must be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students Office and receive formal approval through the same procedure as utilized in the original registration process.

## III. Meetings

A. *On the Campus.* Recognized student organizations are encouraged to hold their meetings on the campus, and University facilities shall be made available to them whenever possible. Requests for the use of any University facilities must be made through the administrative offices regularly responsible for such facilities to avoid conflicts of use and interference with regular University business.

B. *Conduct at Meetings.* All meetings should be conducted in an orderly fashion. When an organization opens a meeting to the public, it has the

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obligation to see that any portion of the meeting given over to audience discussion is open to all present so far as time permits.

#### IV. Notices and Other Printed Materials

Regularly issued publications are subject to the supervision of the Publications Board. Notices, placards, pamphlets, and other materials may be printed and distributed by registered student organizations to further the purposes stated in their constitutions, subject to the following limitations:

- A. *Identification and Responsibility.* All notices and printed materials must carry the name of the organization responsible for distribution. Organizations are responsible for notices or printed materials bearing the names of individuals identified thereon as officers or members of the organization.
- B. *Libelous, Scurrilous and Inciting Materials.* The right to distribute notices and printed materials shall not extend to libelous, scurrilous, or personally defamatory statements. Neither shall this right extend to materials encouraging and promoting violations of the public laws and the public peace or the regulations of the University.
- C. *Distribution of Printed Materials.* Distribution must not invade classrooms, interfere with classes, infringe on dormitory regulations, or be done in manner that adds to litter on campus.

#### V. Affiliation

Recognized student organizations may be affiliated with organizations off the campus where such affiliation is:

- A. Clearly indicated, either by the title of the organization or its constitution at the time of registration, or by specific statements in connection with any activities growing out of a later affiliation.
- B. Consistent with the purposes set forth in the constitution of the organization and with the provisions of this handbook governing student organization association on the campus.
- C. Not such as to change significantly the nature of the organization as an association of students, with primary interests on the campus.

#### VI. Political Activity on the Campus

- A. *Printed Materials and Speakers.* Registered student organizations may include among their purposes an interest in public elections and political parties, which may be expressed through invitations to speakers, printing and distribution of materials, and other activities. Politically related activities of registered student organizations shall be within the limits set for other activities in this policy.
- B. *Activities in Primary Elections.* Registered student organizations affiliated with, or particularly interested in, a political party, may give partisan support to the party's candidates in a party primary. Organizations which invite a primary candidate to participate in a sponsored program on the campus should extend similar invitations, not necessarily for the same occasion, to other candidates for party nomination for the same office.
- C. *Candidate Organizations.* Organizations to promote a particular political candidate, as shown either in their title or statement of purpose, or in the clear intent of the organizations's activities, will not be registered on the campus. Students may join with political groups off campus in support of particular candidates. They may request University facilities for their candidate, or someone speaking for him on a particular occasion, as a non-registered group in accordance with Section VII below but not as an organization of the University for continuing activities.

#### VII. Temporary Associations

It is natural that informal and temporary associations of students should arise from time to time, for particular purposes. Such temporary groups, including student political groups dedicated to the election of candidates in student elections, should be able to request the use of meeting rooms on a limited basis.

University facilities may be reserved for organizational and other ad hoc meetings in keeping with the principles of this policy and with University regulations. Responsibility shall be fixed on the individual or individuals making the request. Groups which have not requested registration within a reasonable period of activity (normally a period of three months or a series of three meetings necessitating requests for University facilities) may be denied any of the privileges accorded to registered student organizations. All temporary groups are expected to follow the requirements of this policy for activities on campus, with regard to use of facilities, and the posting and distribution of printed materials.

#### VIII. Suspension of Recognition through Inactivity

Recognition may be suspended by the Dean of Students Office:

- A. when an organization fails to submit the "Student Organization Information Sheet" to the Assistant Director/Programs of the University Center by the predetermined registration dates or
- B. when the organization does not show a reasonable amount of activity in promoting the ends and purposes specified in its constitution, as evidenced by membership meetings and other activities. Recognized student organizations are expected to provide a brief report on their year's activity upon request of the Dean of Students Office.

Inactive organization will not be permitted to use University facilities or receive other benefits reserved for student organizations.

An organization suspended through inactivity may be reactivated by application to the Dean of Students Office by a group reaffirming its existing constitution and showing reasonable prospects of organizational continuity. Recognition shall be withdrawn from any organization suspended as inactive for two years.

#### IX. Suspension of Recognition for Cause

Recognized student organizations are expected to conduct their activities in accordance with their constitutions and rules of the University. Any organization which violates University rules shall be warned by the Dean of Students Office. If repeated or flagrant violations occur, registration of the organization may be suspended by the Dean of Students Office. A suspended organization may not hold meetings on the campus or otherwise request the privileges of a recognized organization.

Recognition may be restored to a suspended organization by action of the Dean of Students Office. After suspension for a period of four years, any group must petition for reestablishment by submitting a new constitution, or resubmitting the old one, in order to reactivate the organization.

#### X. Denial of Recognition

- A. A refusal by the Dean of Students Office to recommend recognition for a student organization must be based on one or more of the following:
  1. If the statement of purpose is illegal under local, state, or federal laws or does not conform with regular University regulations.
  2. If the organization would, in the opinion of the Dean of Students, constitute a clear and present danger to the continued or proper functioning of the University, or if its purposes are outside of the education functions of the University.
- B. The Dean of Students shall use the following procedures prior to any recommendation that an organization not be recognized:
  1. If the organization's constitution does not conform with those requirements set forth in the policies governing student organizations, the Dean of Students or his representative(s) shall meet informally with the organization in order to explain the violations and how the organization can meet the requirements by revising its constitution.
  2. If the violations are not eliminated or seen to fall under those criteria listed under Paragraph A above, the Dean of Students shall hold a hearing to determine whether the organization should be recognized.
  3. Prior to the hearing, the Dean of Students shall issue to the organization an order to show cause why recognition should not

be denied and stating the reasons for issuance of said show cause order.

4. The Dean of Students shall notify the organization in writing of the date, time, and place of hearing on the show cause order.
5. It shall permit the organization to appear at the hearing with an advisor of its choice and to present evidence and argument in its behalf.
6. If the Dean of Students determines that recognition should not be granted, it shall issue a written report, a copy of which must be given to the organization, explaining the reasons for its negative recommendation to the chancellor.
7. Appeals of the decision made by the Dean of Students can be made to the Vice Chancellor for Student Development. Appeals should be submitted in writing stating reasons why the decision should be overturned. The Vice Chancellor will notify the organization in writing of his decision.

### XI. University Liability

It is especially noted that the University is not responsible for bodily harm or death to participants in any voluntary organizations or activities including voluntary athletics, hiking, karate, judo, or other such organizations in which risk is incurred.

## Student Stipend Positions

Students receiving stipends must carry a minimum academic total of 12 semester hours for credit. This academic minimum must be maintained throughout the semester. If a student receiving a stipend falls below this minimum due to withdrawing from a course it is his or her responsibility to report to the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Development his or her change of status. All students receiving stipends must also maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average and not be on any form of probation. Students may not receive stipends for two different leadership positions during any particular semester.

## Criminal Background Checks

**NOTICE:** Some affiliated clinical facilities may require a criminal background check before allowing students to participate in training programs at those facilities. Information revealed by a criminal background check may cause an affiliated clinical facility to determine that you will not be allowed to participate in a training program at the facility. In that event, you may be unable to complete the requirements of this program. In addition, information revealed by a criminal background check may preclude licensure or employment. Please see the program director for additional information.

## University Committees

The administration of the University is assisted in planning and governance by committees composed of administrators, faculty, students, and, in some instances, community representatives. The currently constituted committees with student representation are the following:

Academic Standards	Honor Court
Admissions & Readmissions	Library
Athletics	Multicultural and Diversity
Athletic Board	Parking Authority
Bookstore	Petitions
Campus Planning	Publications Board
Computer Advisory	Residency Appeals
Curriculum	Scholarships
Departmental Honors	Section 504 for the Handicapped
Facilities Use	Speakers and Special Events
Food Service	Student Conduct Board
General Education	Student Evaluation of Faculty
Graduate Council	University Center Advisory

## Fraternity and Sorority Regulations

The following regulations are set forth as guidelines for active fraternity and sorority chapters duly recognized as campus organizations:

### Pledging Rules

1. New Freshmen (with no previous college attendance), who are enrolled full time (12 hours), may pledge a fraternity or sorority during the first semester of attendance if allowable by the group's constitution or pledging policy.
2. Transfers or Returning Students, who have a 2.00 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and are enrolled for at least 12 hours, may be pledged.
3. All new members must maintain full-time status (12 hours) during their pledgship.

### Initiation Rules

Any student to be initiated must be enrolled full-time, be free of disciplinary probation, and have obtained a 2.00 GPA for the semester in which he/she is a new member.

### Chapter Status—Initiation

1. The names of candidates for initiation are submitted by the presidents to the Office of Student Development for approval at least one week before initiation.
2. If a fraternity or sorority fails to maintain a 2.25 average on the grades of all initiated members, it may go on probation for the ensuing semester.
3. All activities of fraternities and sororities, including recruiting, pledging, initiation, chapter houses, social functions, membership intake, Panhellenic, NPHC, and IFC are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Development.
4. No hazing in any form is permitted. Hazing is defined at UTC as any action or situation created intentionally, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities include, but are not limited to, paddling in any form, road trips, excessive fatigue, morally degrading or humiliating activities, stunts involving unwilling outside participants, and cutting of hair. Emphasis is placed instead on instruction in the ideals of the fraternity and service to the University and its community.
5. All undergraduate chapters must have at least four active members, who are officially recognized by the Office of Student Development, to remain on active status with the University. Chapters that have less than four active members must seek approval from the Office of Student Development in order to remain in active standing.
6. NPHC organizations must submit a complete Membership Intake Packet to the Office of Student Development two weeks prior to hosting the first Membership Intake Event i.e. interest meeting, information, etc.
7. IFC and PHC organizations must submit a complete new member education packet to the Dean of Students Office two weeks prior to hosting any recruitment activities.

### Housing

1. Freshmen may not live in a fraternity or sorority house.
2. Names and classification of all residents of the chapter house must be submitted to the Office of Student Development at the beginning of each semester and must be updated as occupancy varies.
3. All residents must be reported no later than 15 days after each semester begins, including summer terms. The Office of Student Development reserves the right to make recommendations regarding residents.



## MOCS ATHLETICS

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga athletics program owns a proud and outstanding tradition in its 108-year existence. Championships on the conference and national levels keep the school's trophy cases full.

It is the Mission of Mocs Athletics to guide, encourage and support our Student-Athletes in their quest for comprehensive excellence - academically, athletically and socially. Above all else, we prepare students for productive and meaningful lives.

By adhering to this mission, we strive to provide an intercollegiate athletics program that is a source of pride for the entire student-body, faculty, staff and alumni, in competition, in the classroom and in the community.

Over the last five years, UTC has won 17 regular season and 18 tournament championships in the Southern Conference, far more than any school during that time. In the 2010 fall semester, the Mocs student-athletes set a school-record with a 2.95 cumulative grade-point average and each year UTC is a leader in community involvement and volunteerism.

By staying true to the mission, we hope to fulfill our vision of "establishing comprehensive excellence as the UTC standard." While we continue to work towards this goal, the support of the student body and the campus community is vital to our success. As we continue into the 2011-12 academic year, here is a look back at some of our most recent successes.

The wrestling team won its 26<sup>th</sup> Southern Conference Championship in 2011. The Mocs have not lost a SoCon regular season match in seven years, a string of 35 consecutive wins in league play.

The men's basketball team won its 18<sup>th</sup> SoCon regular season title in 2011. UTC holds the SoCon record with 10 NCAA Tournament appearances since joining the league in 1978.

The women's basketball squad has won 11 of the last 12 SoCon regular season championships. The Lady Mocs have also made 10 trips to the NCAA Tournament. Chattanooga is seeing a resurgence in its football program as alum Russ Huesman works to "Restore the Glory." UTC went 6-5 in 2010, posting back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1990 and 1991.

The women's volleyball team has advanced to the NCAA Tournament three times since 1986.

The men's cross country team won back-to-back SoCon crowns in 2004 and 2005 and in 1998 and 1999. The squad won the NCAA South Region in 1998 to advance to the school's first ever NCAA Championship. The women's cross country team claimed the SoCon title in three of the last five seasons. Overall, the UTC women have won seven SoCon titles since 1997.

The women's indoor track team captured the SoCon crown in 1998 and had two individual athletes earn All-American in outdoor track in the last five years.

UTC boasts three straight NCAA Division II women's tennis national championships from 1983-85. The men's tennis team, which won the 1998 and 2000 SoCon trophies, won 10 SoCon titles in 12 years from 1978-89.

The women's soccer team started the 2009 season 5-0, its best record to begin a year in school history.

The men's golf team spent time as the No. 1 ranked squad in the country during two of the last three years.

The women's golf team began competition in 2007 and has quickly become one of the top programs in the Southern Conference with an appearance in the NCAA Championships in 2009. The Mocs have also won back-to-back SoCon Championships.

The softball team has won four consecutive SoCon Regular Season titles. UTC has earned a spot in the NCAA Championships in eight of the last 12 years.

## STUDENT TICKETS - ATHLETIC EVENTS

Admission to UTC athletic events is free to currently enrolled UTC students. All UTC students must obtain a Mocs Card. This card must be used to obtain free admission into football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, wrestling and softball games. Admission is to the student section and there is no reserved seating. Students take these seats on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students should have their Mocs Card made at the UTC ID Card office currently located in the University Center. Evening students may make arrangements to get their Mocs Card by calling (423) 425-2218.

**Student Guest Tickets:** A student may purchase one guest ticket at a discounted price for all UTC athletic events that regularly charge admission. These tickets may be purchased at the UTC Arena Box Office – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Monday - Friday; or at each sporting venue on game day. Guests must sit in the student section. Student guest ticket prices are \$6.00 for football and men's basketball, \$4.00 for women's basketball and \$2.00 for wrestling and softball.

In the case that a home varsity sport has been declared a 'premium game,' a limited amount of tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis free of charge at the gate on the day of the game to students with a valid student ID only. For a 'premium game,' students will be expected to sit in their reserved seat as designated by their hard ticket. Students will not be allowed to purchase a student-guest ticket for a 'premium game.'

### Alma Mater

Lookout Mountain o'er us guarding  
Ceaseless watch doth keep  
In the valley stands our college  
Where the shadows creep.

*Chorus:*

Chattanooga, Chattanooga  
Loud the anthem swell;  
Sing O Sing of Alma Mater--  
All her praises tell.

As in days of blood and battle  
On that mountain's height.  
Soldiers fought, so she shall ever  
Stand for truth and right.

Loyally, we'll bear her standard,  
Blazon'd gold and blue,  
Forward, upward, ever onward.  
Forth to dare and do.

### Fight Chattanooga!

Fight Chattanooga,  
Until the victory is won  
Mighty Mocs you know  
we're counting on you,  
Go UTC Gold and Blue.

Fight! Fight!  
Roll on Chattanooga,  
Ride the rails to victory  
Ever more we pledge  
to always be true to UTC.