### Student Involvement

Involvement is the key to getting the most from your college experience. The co-curricular aspect of a college education provides opportunities for growth and development that complement and enhance in-class learning. UTC provides many opportunities to become involved in campus life through its over 20+ registered student organizations. Each 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, Late Night Breakfast, Welcome Week, leadership programs, lectures, art shows, and recitals. But many new and innovated programs are also scheduled yearly and a highly diversified calendar of programs gives the individual student many choices of interests and activities.

### Welcome Week

Welcome Week is all about celebrating the start of a new school year! New and returning students are welcome to join us for seven straight days of events. Each night will feature a different large scale event for you to enjoy. We’ll help you learn more about university and athletic traditions, meet new people and most importantly make sure you have fun!

We are kicking off the week with free food, music and activities at the annual Oak Street Roast, one of our university’s longest standing traditions. Events to follow include a 100-foot banana split, UC Take Over, Black Student Alliance (BSA) Back to School Cookout and a pool party at the ARC. We guarantee you will have a jam packed week that will give you a taste of what UTC is all about!

For a full list of all of the fun, visit www.utc.edu/welcomeweek or download the Welcome Week guide on Mocs Now app!

### Homecoming

Homecoming is one of the most time honored traditions at the institution. The annual week of events held each fall allows current and former students, faculty and staff the opportunity to come together to show school pride and celebrate success. Student focused events are planned by the Homecoming Student Steering Committee, a highly-selective group of student leaders who come together to set the tone for the week, provide exciting and free events and encourage engagement as the official Homecoming representatives on behalf of the student body. A kickoff party, game day celebration and a variety of other activities are just a few things students can expect.

Students interested in joining the Homecoming Student Steering Committee are encouraged to apply each spring to represent Homecoming for the following year’s program. The Student Director and Assistant Director positions require a 2.75 overall GPA and the chair positions require a 2.50 overall GPA during the term.

For more information on Homecoming, visit utc.edu/homecoming or follow @UTCHomecoming on all forms of social media.

### Leadership Programs

Leadership Programs, offered through the Office of the Dean of Students, are open to any enrolled student in good standing with the University. These programs are designed to complement your academic experiences at UTC. Whether you see yourself as new to leadership or as a seasoned student leader, there is something for you. More information on each program can be found on the Office of the Dean of Students website at www.utc.edu/dean-students/leadership.

### MocSync

MocSync is your portal to the campus experience at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. It will help you learn about registered student organizations, apply for leadership experiences and even find out what's happening on campus. As a Moc, you can take advantage of over 150 student organizations or even start one of your own. Getting involved on campus is a great way to meet new people, gain new skills, build a stronger tie to the university, supports your academic success and provides an overall positive experience during your four years on campus.

Every currently enrolled student at UTC has access to MocSync. Your membership is active as soon as you begin classes and will remain active until you graduate! Logging in is easy! Just visit utc.edu/mocsync and click the link at the top! Once you login, you can view all of the active registered student organizations, fraternities and sororities and club sports, an up-to-date events calendar, learn more about what’s happening on campus and so much more!

### Student Programs and Services Fee

The Student Programs and Services Fee (SPSF) was created in accordance with the Board of Trustees’ “Policy on a Student Programs and Services Fee” adopted on June 19, 2014. The Student Programs and Services Fee replaced the former University Programs and Services Fee previously authorized by the Board of Trustees on August 18, 1971.

The purpose of the SPSF is to advance the University’s educational mission by funding non-instructional services, activities, programs, and facilities that promote student satisfaction and retention or promote the intellectual, physical, emotional, social, cultural, or leadership development of students.

The Policy on a Student Programs and Services Fee allows students an opportunity each semester to indicate whether they want a portion of their Student Programs and Services Fee (7% of the fee) to be allocated for student-organized programming. You are able to choose from two options:

**Option 1 (Opt In)** directs 7% of your Student Programs and Services Fee towards programs and events organized by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) or other registered student organizations at no additional or reduced cost to you. These include recreational, social, cultural and educational programs/events such as concerts, lectures and movies. Some of the programs and events may be of a controversial nature and/or objectionable to you.

Some programs that received Option 1 Funding during the past academic year include:

- A Night with a Gentleman (Brother 2 Brother)
- Black Student Alliance Skate Night
- #sayitanyway with Adam Grabowski (Active Minds)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off (HOLA)
- Alpha Phi Omega National Service Week

**Option 2 (Opt Out)** directs 7% of your Student Programs and Services Fee towards projects and/or programs that benefit students, as determined each semester by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in collaboration with the Student Programming Allocation Committee (SPAC).

Some programs that received Option 2 Funding during the past academic year include:

- Dear World (Housing & Residence Life)
- Tents for the UTC Outdoors program (Campus Recreation)
- New Billiards Tables for the UC Game Room
- UTC Health Hut (Healthy Living Initiative)

When you log into your MyMocsNet portal to register for classes, you must choose to either Opt In or Opt Out before you can move forward with registration. You will be required to make a selection each semester before registering. Please note that the total amount of your Student Programs and Services Fee will not change, regardless of what option you choose.

For more information, visit http://www.utc.edu/student-development/spsf/index.php.
Student Programming Allocations Committee
The Student Programming Allocation Committee, also known as SPAC, is responsible for allocating Option 1 SPSF funds to registered student organizations for student-organized programming. It also makes recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding how to use Option 2 SPSF funds that students have directed for a use other than Student-Organized Programming. This committee is comprised of faculty, staff and students representing various areas of campus life. Members meet regularly to review funding requests submitted. Any Registered Student Organization, in good standing with the University, is eligible to apply for funding.

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
Student Government Association
The Student Government Association (SGA) at UTC is an active and vital campus organization. SGA serves as the link between the student body and the administration, enacts legislation concerning current campus issues, and provides other valuable services for the students at UTC. In addition, a number of SGA members serve on faculty committees including parking, curriculum, scholarship, and admissions, to name a few.

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 maintained a 2.75 cumulative GPA, be currently enrolled and taking at least 12 semester hours (undergraduate) or nine semester hours (graduate classes), except for a graduating senior or graduate student in his/her last semester before graduation when that student needs fewer than the required minimum hours for completion of his/her graduation requirements. Also, a student may not be on disciplinary probation.

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 Dean of Students, 399 University Center, or the SGA offices, located in the 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 in Race Hall, for the names of current officers.

Website: utc.edu/SGA
Twitter: @UTCSGA
Website: @UTCSGA
Facebook: facebook.com/UTCSGA

Campus Activities Board (CAB)
The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is the chief student-run programming body of the institution. Their mission is to connect Mocs to campus entertainment by sponsoring diverse social and educational events that engage and promote unity within the UTC community. From concerts to movie nights and everything in between, CAB plans your days, nights and weekends and is always offering students the opportunity to have a memorable college experience. Some of CAB’s most popular events include movie nights, grocery bingo, and the university’s annual drag show. CAB is advised by a professional staff member from the Office of the Dean of Students. To learn more, visit their website at utcab.org

CAB offers professional opportunities in event planning, budgeting, promotion, and design and a new board is selected every Spring. Executive Board: President and Vice Presidents of the organization must have a 2.75 overall GPA for the entire term. Programming chairs must have a 2.5 overall GPA for the entire term. Volunteer Board: The volunteer board is open to any student on campus interested in helping to support CAB programming but not hold an executive board position. Volunteer board members must fill out an application during the recruitment period at the beginning of each semester, publicized through CAB social media and their website.

Website: utcab.org
Twitter: @utcCAB
Instagram: @utcCAB
Facebook: facebook.com/CAButc

Student Media Organizations
The University Echo is a student publication that seeks to accurately, ethically and thoroughly report on news, sports, features and opinions in relation to the issues and events specific to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the Chattanooga community in a fair, clear and truthful manner. Published bi-weekly under the editorship of student leaders, the staff includes student editors, writers, photographers and marketing staff. Follow them on Twitter and Instagram for the fastest updates on campus news or visit www.theutecho.com.

Website: www.theutecho.com
Twitter: @UTCEcho
Instagram: @utc_echo
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UTCEcho

Advisor Contact: Billy Weeks (william-weeks@utc.edu)

UTC’s literary magazine, The Sequoyah Review is published yearly and has won many regional and national awards. All students, faculty & staff are invited to submit material to be considered for publication. Material (poetry, short stories, essays, photographs and artwork) is collected in the Fall through the English Department and published in the Spring.

Website: https://sequoyareview.com/
Twitter: @SequoyaReviewUT
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sequoya-Review-103150039765601/
Advisor Contact: Dr. Sarah Einstein (sarah-einstein@utc.edu)

Mocs News is the source for news and events from UTC. News updates air regularly throughout the day on Comcast Cable Channel 3. Mocs News keeps students and the community up-to-date with the latest information in campus news, events, politics, technology & more!

Website: https://www.utc.edu/mocs-news/
Twitter: @MocsNews
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/mocsnews
Advisor Contact: Mike Andrews at Michael-Andrews@utc.edu

The Perch is UTC’s web based, student-run radio station. The Perch seeks to offer UTC students commercial radio experience in programming, marketing, production, station imaging and how to be live on-air radio personalities via the Internet. The Perch is committed to broadcast fair and ethical programming for diverse audiences. The Perch staff will focus on the educational experience of the station while empowering listeners through unique and entertaining programming.

Website: UTCPERCH.COM
Twitter: @Perch_UTFC
Instagram: @utc_theperch
Facebook: The Perch - UTC Landing Station
Advisor Contact: Nicole Brown at Nicole-Brown@utc.edu

Social, Academic or Special Interest Groups
Departmental and interest groups are numerous and varied on the UTC campus. They range from clubs related to an academic program or major to social interests like our anime club, film club and performance based. Each year several new organizations are added to adequately reflect student interests and needs. If you do not find the one you are looking for, you can begin a new organization yourself. See the guidelines listed later in this section for general procedures and feel free to consult with interested faculty members or members of the Office of the Dean of Students staff or the SGA Parliamentarian for help in getting a new group started. Member-
ship in registered student organizations is typically open to all interested students. Information regarding a particular group can be obtained from mocsync.utc.edu.

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 restricted membership to upper-class students, there are a number which begin recognizing students as early as their second semester at UTC.

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 institution. A full list of campus ministries can be found at utc.edu/dean-students.

Registered Student Organization Guidelines

When groups of students wish to have a continuous association, intended to last beyond the term of those immediately involved, they are expected to apply for recognition by the University as a student organization. University recognition does not mean endorsement of the purposes or activities of any association by the faculty or administration. All registered student organizations are expected to follow the following guidelines. Recognized social fraternities and sororities are duly recognized as registered student organizations. Recognized social fraternities and sororities are expected to follow these guidelines, in addition to the guidelines of their UTC based governing councils, inter/national headquarters and inter/national governing bodies (North American Interfraternity Conference, National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council).

I. Starting a New Student Organization

Student Organizations must be started by current and enrolled UTC students, and may not be started by alumni, affiliate members, community members or UTC faculty/staff. If faculty or staff members are interested in creating an organization to fit a particular need on campus, they should speak with students and discuss their interest, and allow the students, if they choose to proceed, to complete the registration. Outside organizations like national academic or service honor societies or organizations, should work with academic departments and gain interest, instead of approaching our office first.

Students wishing to create a new student organization must first ensure that the organization does not already exist. If a similar group does not exist, then the group needs to develop a constitution & bylaws, and identify five members or UTC faculty/staff. If faculty or staff members are interested in creating an organization to fit a particular need on campus, they should speak with students and discuss their interest, and allow the students, if they choose to proceed, to complete the registration. Outside organizations like national academic or service honor societies or organizations, should work with academic departments and gain interest, instead of approaching our office first.

Students wishing to create a new student organization must first ensure that the organization does not already exist. If a similar group does not exist, then the group needs to develop a constitution & bylaws, and identify five students to serve as members. Students wishing to form a new organization are allowed to hold up to 3 informational meetings in the University Center prior to approval.

All registered student organizations are required to have a current UTC faculty or staff member serve as their advisor. Recognized social fraternities or sororities will have the chair of their advisory board, as deemed by the inter/national headquarters serve as their advisor. These organizations are welcome to have a faculty advisor in addition to this chair; however the chair is deemed as the primary advisor contact between the institution and the organization in all matters related to the organization. Campus Ministry Association member organizations will have the lead religious official of their affiliate church serve as their advisor.

Students will submit their request for recognition through MocSync to the Office of the Dean of Students. After an initial review, the application will be passed on to SGA to be reviewed by the SGA Procedures Committee. If there are changes, additions or inaccuracies that need to be corrected with the request, the student who submitted the form will be contacted by the SGA Parliamentarian and provided feedback and instructions on the corrections needed. Once the Procedures Committee has approved the request, it will be voted on by the SGA Senate. If approved by the SGA Senate, the organization will receive written notification via e-mail of approval from the Office of the Dean of Students upon receipt of final vote from SGA.

II. Renewing a Current Student Organization or Requesting Inactive Status

All recognized student organizations are required to maintain their current roster, constitution & bylaws and officer/adviser information on file with the Office of the Dean of Students. This information is to be updated annually OR when changes are made.

Annual renewal will be conducted through MocSync. In May of every academic year, the administrators for the organization’s portal on MocSync will notice a button with a link requesting renewal. This renewal must be completed by the last weekday of the month of August.

A successful renewal should include updated information including contacts for officers and advisers, current constitution & bylaws and a current roster in the preferred Microsoft Excel format. The Office of the Dean of Students has the right to request changes if information is not complete or inaccurate. If your organization is a fraternity or sorority, your rosters are handled differently. You should work with the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff to ensure your rosters are accurate. However, you are still required to submit one when updating.

If an organization fails to complete renewal, their portal will be disabled in MocSync and the group will lose all student organization privileges outlined in the Student Handbook. Groups will not be allowed to participate in summer orientation fairs, participate in OrgFest, reserve/utilize any university facilities for events or request funding from the Student Programming Allocation Committee (SPAC). The organization will be designated as not in good standing and will be considered closed. Additionally, all current reservations for the organization will be cancelled. If the organization wishes to remain an active organization, the officers must contact the Office of the Dean of Students to reactivate their portal to complete the renewal.

If an organization wishes to go inactive, an officer (preferably the president or equivalent) must contact the Office of the Dean of Students as soon as possible via e-mail at mocsync.utc.edu with the organization name and reason for going inactive. Upon review, the organization’s portal on MocSync will become disabled and they will be considered inactive.

Please Note: Student Organization renewal procedures should be completed by a current or newly elected officer for the organization. We encourage advisers to work with their advisees to ensure that this process is taken care of, however students lead the process.

III. Meetings

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.

IV. Lobby Table Reservations

Recognized student organizations are able to reserve one of the seven lobby tables that are available in the UC at the Vine Street/Heritage Plaza entrance. Each Lobby Table is numbered, and your assigned table number will be listed on your confirmation email. Please make sure you have read through the University Center’s Lobby Table Guidelines (http://www.utc.edu/university-center/pdfs/lobby-table-guidelines.pdf) before submitting your request.

For more information, please visit http://www.utc.edu/university-center/
V. Exterior Space Reservations

The Office of the Chancellor’s is responsible for booking some exterior space around campus. Below are descriptions of the spaces available to reserve.

Heritage Plaza
Heritage Plaza is the large area at the base of Cardiac Hill.

Vine Street
Vine Street consists of the paved area next to Heritage Plaza and in front of Brock Hall.

Amphitheater
The amphitheater is located off of Oak Street across from Lockmiller Apartments and next to Cadek Hall.

Student Park
Student Park is the area located around the fountain outside of Crossroads Dining Hall.

Chamberlain Pavilion
Chamberlain Pavilion is the structure on the east end of Chamberlain Field. Reservations for this space must be submitted at least one week prior to your event.

Terrell Owens Way (Formerly Lansing Court)
Terrell Owens Way is the driveway and turnaround between the University Center and Macellan Gym from E. 5th Street to Vine Street. Any events on Terrell Owens Way must allow space for emergency vehicles to access the turnaround in case of an emergency in either Macellan or the UC. Because of this, it cannot be shut down for an event.

Please make sure you have read and understand the Outdoor Event Schedule Use Guidelines (http://www.utc.edu/academic-affairs/pdfs/facilities-use-policy.pdf) which govern the use of these spaces.

If you have any specific questions about an exterior space or would like to check availability of the space, please call Laura Cagle, Director of University Events in the Chancellor’s Office at (423) 425-4203.

VI. Requesting Funding from the Student Programming Allocation Committee

Any Registered Student Organization, in good standing with the University, is eligible to apply for funding through the Student Programming Allocation Committee (SPAC). Organizations are asked to submit requests for funding through MocSync at least 2 weeks before the actual date of their program/event to allow time for payment processing (if the funding request is approved). Request forms must be received a minimum of one week prior to the next scheduled committee/voting meeting. Committee Meetings are held every other week during the academic year. Any requests received after designated deadline will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Requests for reimbursements WILL NOT be accepted. We also WILL NOT transfer funds to organization/departmental accounts. All program spending must have prior approval from SPAC before these funds can be used and all orders/purchases will be handled by staff in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Student Organizations are expected to provide a detailed breakdown of expenses for their event/program with their request form, showing how they would spend the money requested from SPAC. Requests submitted without a detailed budget breakdown are not accepted.

Applications for SPAC Funding are evaluated on the following criteria:

a. Applicant is a registered student organization recognized by the University
b. Application was received within SPAC Review Timeline
c. Location (Is the event on or off campus?)
d. Accessibility (Does this event/program meet ADA and other accessibility concerns?)
e. SPSF Fee Accordance (Is there an entrance fee or requirement?)
f. Duplication (Is this program a duplication of another event/program held this academic year?)

VII. 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:

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.

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.

Distribution of Printed Materials: Distribution must not invade classrooms, interfere with classes, infringe on residence hall regulations, or be done in manner that adds to litter on campus.

VIII. Banners

All Banner Requests must be approved by the University Center (UC). Banner Spaces are only available to UTC departments and registered UTC student organizations. To reserve a space, you must complete the Online Banner Space Request Form. Reservations are made for a week at a time (Sunday-Saturday). Please make sure you have read through the UC Banner Guidelines (utc.edu/university-center/pdfs/banner-guidelines.pdf) before submitting your request. Also, please make sure you have read through their Banner Making Guidelines (http://www.utc.edu/university-center/pdfs/banner-making-guidelines.pdf) before creating your banner. Banner-making materials are available in the UC Game Room for student groups that have reserved banner space.

For more information, please visit www.utc.edu/university-center or call (423) 425-4455.

IX. Chalking

Subject to the restrictions and procedures of the Sidewalk Chalking Policy, revised and approved in October of 2016, only registered student organizations, individual current UTC students, or UTC Departments are permitted to chalk.

Requirements

In order to chalk, registered student organizations, individual current UTC students, and UTC Departments must reserve space for the planned chalking through the Director of University Events in the Chancellor’s Office at least three (3) business days prior to the day that the chalking will take place. Groups or individuals who chalk without reservation will be in violation of this policy, and the chalking will be removed.

Permitted Areas and Restrictions

Chalking is permitted only on sidewalks and pedestrian streets, except as otherwise provided in this Section 4. Chalking is not permitted on any vehicular streets or special brick or pavement areas, such as the area inside Heritage Plaza Circle and the special pavement on Oak Street at the top of Cardiac Hill.

Chalking is not permitted on any structure or natural feature of UTC property, including, but not limited to, doors, buildings, windows, walls,
fountains, utility poles, lampposts, waste receptacles, trees, street signs, ash urns, benches, bus stops, UTC-owned signage, emergency phones, railings, newstands, or utility boxes.

All chalking must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any building entrances.

Only water-soluble chalk may be used for chalking. The Office of the Dean of Students and the Chancellor’s Office staffs assume no responsibility for the impact that weather conditions may have on any chalking.

**Compliance and Enforcement**

All chalking is subject to and shall comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Individuals or organizations found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct or this policy will be referred to the Dean of Students Office. The staffs of Student Affairs and the Director of University Events in the Chancellor’s Office may consult with appropriate individuals to determine if a violation has occurred. If UTC is made aware of any chalking that violates this policy or any other University policy, the University reserves the right to wash away any such chalking. Any group or individual found to be in the violation of this policy will be responsible for reimbursing UTC for the costs of cleaning and restoring UTC property affected by such chalking.

For more information, please contact the Chancellor’s Office at (423) 425-4141.

**X. Affiliation**

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

- 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.

- Consistent with the purposes set forth in the constitution of the organization and with the provisions of this handbook governing student association on the campus.

- Not such as to change significantly the nature of the organization as an association of students, with primary interests on the campus.

**XI. Political Activity on the Campus**

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.

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.

Candidate Organizations Groups wanting to promote a particular political candidate, as shown either in their title or statement of purpose, or in the clear intent of the organization’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/her 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.

**XII. 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 more than 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.

**XIII. Suspension of Recognition through Inactivity**

Recognition may be suspended by the Office of the Dean of Students if an organization fails to submit the renewal form through MocSync OR if 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 Office of the Dean of Students. Inactive organizations 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 Office of the Dean of Students. Individuals must reaffirm its existing constitution and showing reasonable prospects of organizational continuity. Recognition shall be withdrawn from any organization suspended as inactive for two years.

**XIV. 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 Office of the Dean of Students. If repeated or flagrant violations occur, registration of the organization may be suspended. 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 the Dean of Students. 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.

**XV. Denial of Recognition**

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:

a. If the statement of purpose is illegal under local, state, or federal laws or does not conform with regular University regulations.

b. 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.

c. If a similar organization currently exists on campus.

d. The Dean of Students shall use the following procedures prior to any recommendation that an organization not be recognized:

e. 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/her 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.

f. If the violations are not eliminated or seen to fall under those criteria listed above, the Dean of Students shall hold a hearing to determine whether the organization should be recognized.

g. 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.

h. The Dean of Students shall notify the organization in writing of the date, time, and place of hearing on the show cause order. It shall permit the organization to appear at the hearing with an advisor of its choice
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and to present evidence and argument in its behalf.

i. If the Dean of Students determines that recognition should not be granted, he/she 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.

j. Appeals of the decision made by the Dean of Students can be made to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

k. 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.

XVI. 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.

Fraternity & Sorority Life

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is currently home to 24 fraternities and sororities, in which approximately 1500 students are active members. Nineteen of these organizations are under three governing councils - the Interfraternity Council (IFC); the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and the Panhellenic Association (Panhellenic). Each of these governing councils, advised by professional staff from the Office of the Dean of Students, establishes membership policies and provides education/programming around areas of operation and mutual concern while supporting the mission and learning outcomes of the Office of the Dean of Students and the University’s Strategic Plan. All fraternities and sororities celebrate the shared values of academic excellence, leadership development, civic engagement, brotherhood/sisterhood, social responsibility, and diversity and inclusion.

More information on IFC and Panhellenic Recruitment can be found on their council websites. For information on NPHC Intake or recruitment for our Special Interest Groups, please contact their organizational leadership directly. For council websites, contact information, information on recruitment, grade reports, up-to-date chapter information and more, please visit www.utc.edu/dean-students/fsl.

Fraternity and Sorority Policies

The following policies and procedures are set forth as guidelines for recognized social fraternities and sororities, duly recognized as registered student organizations:

I. Pledge/New Member/Neophyte

a. New Freshmen (with no previous college attendance), who are enrolled full-time (12 hours), are eligible to become a new member/ neophyte of a fraternity or sorority during the first semester of attendance if they have a 2.5 overall High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Please note that some group constitution or new member/neophyte policies require/enforce a higher minimum standard.

b. Transfer or Returning Students, who have a 2.5 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale), are enrolled in at least 12 hours and are in good standing with the University are eligible to become a new member/neophyte. Please note that some group constitution or new member/neophyte policies require/enforce a higher minimum standard.

c. Full-time students participating in the Consortium Agreement whom listed UTC as their primary institution, with proper documentation, are eligible to become a fraternity or sorority new member/neophyte provided that they are in good standing with the University.

d. All new members must maintain full-time status (12 hours) during their new member education/intake period.

II. Initiation

Fraternities and sororities must initiate new members/neophytes during the semester in which they began new member education/intake unless approval to initiate the following semester has been provided by the Inter/national Headquarters or regional leadership in the New Member Education/Intake Packet. Initiation must occur during the fall and spring semesters while classes are in session.

III. Membership and Organization Standards

a. All activities of fraternities and sororities, including but not limited to recruitment, new member education, Initiation, social functions, membership intake, Panhellenic, NPHC, IFC, and Special Interest Organizations are under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Dean of Students and the Division of Student Affairs.

b. No hazing in any form is permitted. Hazing is against Tennessee State Law as well as UTC Policy. For the University’s definition of hazing, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

c. All undergraduate chapters and colonies must have at least five active members who are officially recognized by the Office of the Dean of Students and the Division of Student Affairs to remain on active status with the University. Chapters or colonies that have less than five active members must seek approval and/or follow processes from the Office of the Dean of Students, the Division of Student Affairs, and the appropriate governing council (if applicable) in order to remain in active standing.

d. All fraternities and sororities must submit a completed New Member Education/Intake Packet for approval to the Office of the Dean of Students two weeks prior to the start of any new member education/initial membership development plan activities/meetings/events (this includes Bid Day and Interest/Recruitment Meetings). Fraternities and sororities will not be able to distribute bids/invitations until the New Member Education/Intake Packet has been approved.

e. If a new member education plan/initial membership development plan is not approved prior to the start of Bid Day or an Interest/Recruitment Meeting, all colony/chapter new member education/intake activities are suspended until all requirements are met. The first notice is sent to the colony/chapter president and advisor. The second notice includes the new members/candidates. The third notice includes a notification to the community regarding the suspension of new member education/initial membership development activities.

f. New member educators/dean of pledges should communicate any changes to the approved schedule within two days of the decision to make the change.

g. The “New Member/Candidate” Form on MocSync is due 24 hours after Bid Day/Next Business Day.

h. The “Initiation Report” Form on MocSync is due 24 hours after initiation/Next Business Day.

IV. Academic Excellence Standards

a. If a fraternity or sorority new member class/pledge class/line collectively earns a 2.5 or lower GPA during the semester of new member education/intake, the chapter/colony may be placed on academic probation for the ensuing semester. The Office of the Dean of Students verifies academic information the day when no further grade changes are allowed to be made according to the Records Office.

b. The first semester on Academic Probation may result, but not limited to, the chapter or colony creating a plan to improve their grades and implementing a survey about the academic attitudes within the fraternity or sorority. Other University privileges may be restricted as a result of the organization’s probationary status.

c. Any consecutive semester on Academic Probation will result in further educational and/or disciplinary sanctions.
department’s collection of original contemporary paintings, sculpture, and Marek Visiting Artist Series. All events are free and open to the public. The department also sponsors a number of professional and student exhibitions during the year, often with gallery talks by visiting artists. The department also sponsors a number of professional and student exhibitions during the year, often with gallery talks by visiting artists.

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 Affairs his or her change of status. All students receiving stipends must also maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average unless otherwise noted and not be on academic or conduct probation.

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
UTC students, faculty, staff, and administrators work together to help guide strategic decisions on campus. It is important for students to contribute their voice and insight to University planning and governance. Campus committees that include student participation are listed below with the office of administration.

- Academic Affairs: Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness
- Chancellor: Athletics Board, Multicultural Advisory, and SMRVS Education and Promotions
- Finance, Operations, and Information Technology: Bookstore, Food Service, Parking Authority, and Student Parking Appeals
- Faculty Committees: To learn more about student service on faculty committees, visit http://www.utc.edu/faculty-senate/students.php
- Student Affairs: Environmental Task Force, Healthy Living Taskforce, Mosaic Advisory Board, Rec Advisory, Student Programs Allocation, Student Conduct Board, and University-Wide Spirit & Traditions

Art Department
The Art Department, an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design, offers a number of activities supplementing its curriculum. The Cress Gallery of Art in the Fine Arts Center features a wide variety of professional and student exhibitions during the year, often with gallery talks by visiting artists. The department also sponsors a number of workshops each year by nationally known artists through the Diane Marek Visiting Artist Series. All events are free and open to the public. 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.

Theatre Department
The Theatre Division of The Department of Performing Arts is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. The UTC Theatre Co., the producing arm of the Theatre Division, brings to University and community audiences the opportunity to enjoy high-quality productions throughout the year in the 285-seat Dorothy Hackett Ward Theatre. The typical season for the UTC Theatre Co. is comprised of a classical play, a contemporary play, an experimental play, and a musical. Additionally, student-developed pieces are presented throughout the year in the Jim G. Lewis Studio Theatre, a flexible black box space. Both theaters are housed in the Fine Arts Center at the corner of Vine and Palmetto Streets.

Participation in departmental productions, both on stage and off, is open to all students enrolled at the University. However, preference in casting is given to Theatre majors and minors. For more information call (423) 425-3437. For tickets, call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at (423) 425-4269 or visit http://www.utc.edu/fine-arts-center/

Music Department
The Music Division of the Department of Performing Arts offers many opportunities for students to use and develop their musical abilities. We especially encourage those who performed in high school or a previous college to participate in our various ensembles. Each ensemble is a regularly scheduled class which students may take for one or zero credit hours. The zero credit option allows students to participate without affecting the HOPE scholarship.

The Chattanooga Singers, the Chamber Singers, 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. The Chamber Singers tour statewide and regionally and have performed in Austria, Hungary, Ireland, Scotland and the Czech Republic. 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 a cappella choral works. Membership is open to all students and community members through a short voice placement audition.

The UTC Symphony Orchestra performs college-level orchestral literature and performs on campus each semester. Performers include UTC students, amateur and professional musicians. Members are selected by open audition.

The UTC Band program is comprised of several performing groups open to any student with appropriate experience. Marching Mocs meets three 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 three times per week in the spring. This 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) at no cost to the student. The UTC Jazz Band
is open to students by audition only. Several small ensembles, such as Percussion Ensemble, Low Brass 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 Division 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 semesters.

All interested students should contact the Music Division of the Department of Performing Arts at 425-4601 or visit the department web site (www.utc.edu/music). You can also email our First Year Coordinator, Jordan Hicks, at jordan-hicks@utc.edu for any questions you might have about the division. Additionally, you are also welcome to come by the Music Office which is located in room 308 of the Fine Arts Center.

### Termination of Financial Assistance

**General**

A. Coverage. The provisions of this policy apply to all student financial assistance except for 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 institutional, Southern Conference, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations.

B. Financial Aid. Financial assistance awarded to a student in one of the following categories: work, scholarship, loan, grant.

**Notice**

A. Athletic Grant-in-Aid

The Director of Financial Aid shall notify the student in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is to be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year. The notice shall contain the reason for termination and the student’s right to a hearing before the Scholarship Committee, in accordance with institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations. The notice shall also include a copy of the institution’s established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student must request such a hearing.

B. Financial Aid. Whenever financial aid is to be modified or terminated, the student shall be notified in writing of the proposed modification or termination by the Director of Financial Aid. The notice shall contain the reasons for the proposed modification or termination and the student’s right to appeal. If the Director of Financial Aid is unable to amicably resolve the student’s appeal, the student shall be advised of the right to a hearing before the Scholarships Committee.

C. Termination of Post Eligibility “Plus One” Scholarship. Post Eligibility “Plus One” aid is designed to assist student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility for intercollegiate competition to fulfill the remaining requirements of their undergraduate degree program. Plus One aid is a privilege and student-athletes must meet all necessary qualifications to receive it. A student-athlete found to have committed an NCAA violation(s) shall forfeit any benefits provided by the Athletics Department, regardless of whether the student-athlete meets the guidelines of the Plus One Policy. The Plus One Policy is distributed by the Athletics Department.

**Request for a Hearing**

A. Termination of Athletic Grant-in-Aid. The student’s request for a hearing shall be made in writing to the Director of Financial Aid within ten (10) business days of receipt of written notice of proposed termination of athletic financial assistance within the contract period.

1. If the student requests a hearing, the Director of Financial Aid shall immediately forward the request for a hearing and a copy of the complete file to the chair of the Scholarships Committee.

2. Nonrenewal of Athletic Grant-in Aid. The student’s request for a hearing shall be made in writing to the Director of Financial Aid within ten (10) business days of receipt of written notice of nonrenewal of athletic financial assistance.

1. If the student requests a hearing, the Director of Financial Aid shall immediately forward the request for a hearing and 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 ten (10) business days of the student’s written 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 Assistant Provost for Enrollment Services in writing within ten (10) business days of the committee’s decision.

**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 ten (10) 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 Assistant Provost for Enrollment Services. Such an appeal must be submitted in writing within ten (10) business days of the committee’s decision.

B. The decision of the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Services is final in all cases.

**Eligibility for Athletics**

A. Undergraduate students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program (those carrying 12 hours per semester) are eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

1. Undergraduate students enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies are eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements.

B. Graduate students enrolled in a full-time graduate program (those carrying 9 hours per semester) are eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

C. A student must be making satisfactory progress toward a degree as set forth by institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations to be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

D. Transfer students must satisfy all institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations in order to be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

E. A student may not participate in intercollegiate athletics until the student’s eligibility is certified by the Athletics Compliance Office and the Office of Records and Registration.

F. The University is committed to the principle of institutional control and operating its athletics program in a manner consistent with the letter and spirit of institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations.

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As a member of the NCAA, the University is responsible for the actions of its student-athletes, staff, alumni, boosters and fans. The Athletics Compliance Office coordinates, monitors, and verifies adherence to all institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations. Further, the Athletics Compliance Office is dedicated to providing educational programs and interpretive support to ensure that all individuals involved with our athletics program understand and meet the University's compliance expectations. If you should have any additional questions regarding institutional, Southern Conference, and/or NCAA regulations, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office at (423) 425-5577.
MOCS ATHLETICS

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga athletics program owns a proud and outstanding tradition in its 116-year existence. Championships on the conference and national levels keep the school's trophy cases full. It is the Mission of Mocs Athletics to equip for success. 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 11 years, UTC has won 28 regular season and 29 tournament championships in the Southern Conference, far more than any school during that time. The Mocs strive for comprehensive excellence in the classroom and are known as leaders in community involvement and volunteerism. By staying true to the mission, we hope to fulfill our vision of achieving excellence. 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 2018-19 academic year, here is a look back at some of our most recent successes.

The men's basketball team won 19 games in 2016-17. The Mocs welcomed new head coach Lamont Paris following the conclusion of the 2016-17 season. The wrestling team sent three individuals to the NCAA Tournament in 2017. UTC welcomed former Moc Katie Burrows as head coach following the 2018 campaign. The football team advanced to the FCS Playoffs for the third year in a row in 2016. UTC finished with a No. 10 final national ranking and welcomed new head coach Tom Arth following the 2016 season. 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 men's golf team spent time as the No. 1 ranked squad in the country during two of the last nine years. The Mocs have won six SoCon titles and competed in eight of the last 10 NCAA Regionals.

The men's golf team began competition in 2007 and has quickly become the top program in the Southern Conference. The Mocs have won five of the last nine SoCon Championships. The softball team has won six of the last 11 SoCon Regular Season titles. UTC has earned a spot in the NCAA Championships in 11 of the last 19 years.

MOCS CARD AND ATHLETIC EVENT INFORMATION

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 football and men's and women's basketball. These tickets may be purchased at the UTC Arena Box Office – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Monday - Friday or at the venue on game day. Guests must sit in the student section. Student guest ticket prices are $10.00 for football, $8.00 for men's basketball and $5.00 for women's basketball.

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.

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