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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 130 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, CAB movies, lectures, art shows, and recitals. But many new and experimental programs are also scheduled yearly, particularly under the auspices of the Campus Activities Board, 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 Dean of Students Office, 360 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 four major student-run media organizations at UTC. Each is entirely staffed and produced by students. These organizations are supervised by faculty advisors, the Division of Student Development and the Student Media Board, a committee under Faculty Senate. The Student Media Board is governed by policies outlined 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 on campus. Interested students may apply for positions on the staff in reporting, editorial (news, features, sports, copy reading, etc.) business, advertising or layout and design capacities by coming by the Echo Offices in the University Center. The Echo also welcomes individual student letters. www.theutcceco.com 425-4298

The Sequoyah Review, UTC’s literary magazine, 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, typically in the Fall Semester. This material should be in the form of poetry, short stories, photography, art work or essays. The Sequoyah Review Editor and Staff may be contacted through the Dean of Students Office or the English Department. www.sequoyareview.com 425-4294

MOSC News is UTC’s student-run television and news show. These short news updates air regularly throughout the day on Comcast Cable Channel 3 and in the University Center. MOSC News keeps the students and community up to date with the latest information in campus news and events, sports, politics, technology and more. MOSC News is shot at the television studios in Metro Annex, and is produced by students for students. MOSC News hopes to provide a student’s perspective of news whether it be campus, local or national news. http://www.utc.edu/mocs-news/ 425-5286

The Perch is UTC's student-run online radio station. The station features music, talk shows and live broadcasts. Students may get involved as a host, station manager or other positions. Visit The Perch online to listen live and learn more! www.utc.edu/theperch 425-4280

Major Campus Organizations

The following campus organizations are open to all interested students and are large, active and well established on the campus for many years. More information can be obtained by visiting www.orgsync.utc.edu and searching for the group you are interested in.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosts all campus-wide programming for UTC students. 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. CAB offers professional opportunities in event planning, budgeting, promotion, and design and a new board is selected every Spring. CAB is supervised by the Dean of Students Office and can be found in their office, UC 360. www.utc.edu/cab 425-4948

The Black Student Alliance (BSA) is organized to promote diverse and multicultural relationships on 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 Organization’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 currently has 21 social fraternities and sororities under three governing councils, the Interfraternity Council (IFC); the National Panhellenic Conference (Panhellenic); and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Each of these governing councils establish membership policies and provide education/programming around areas of operation and mutual concern while supporting the mission and learning outcomes of the Dean of Students Office. Over 1,400 students are currently members of fraternities and sororities at UTC.

Fraternities under the Interfraternity Council (IFC) include Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu. Phi Gamma Delta will be colonizing a chapter in spring 2016.

Sororities under the National Panhellenic Conference (Panhellenic) include Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta and Sigma Kappa.

Organizations under the National Pan-Hellenic Council include three fraternities and three sororities. The fraternities are Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The sororities are Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

For more information, please contact the Dean of Students Office at (423)425-2321 or visit http://www.orgsync.utc.edu/search. Also, watch the campus bulletin boards for notices concerning meetings and other programs.

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 www.orgsync.utc.edu/search. 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 www.orgsync.utc.edu/search.

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 2013-14 school year, 40 percent of the students who entered the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as full-time freshmen in the fall of 2008 completed baccalaureate degrees. Any questions concerning this information or similar data on student athletes contact: Dr. Karen Adsit, Office of Planning, Evaluation & Institutional Research, 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403 (423) 425-4026. For more information visit http://www.utc.edu/planning-evaluation-institutional-research/student-achievement.php

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/dean-students/studentlife/ministries.php

Campus Ministries @ UTC:

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)
540 Vine Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 266-5121
www.utcbcm.com
@UTCBCM

Campus Flood
(423) 843-2999
www.campusflood.org

Catholic Student Center
514 Palmetto St., Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 618-9062
www.utccatholic.org
@UTCCatholic

Christian Student Center (CSC)
509 Houston St., Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 267-4488
www.utchristianstudentcenter.com
@UTCCSC

CRU
(423) 243-8357
www.chattanoogacru.com
@ChattCRU

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
(423)991-7051
www.chattanoogafca.org
@UTC_MOCS_FCA

Hope808: Presbyterian Campus Ministries
808 Vine St., Chattanooga, TN 37403
(423) 265-2227
revtdt@gmail.com
@Hope808
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
(901) 230-6456  
www.intervarsity.org  

Jewish Student Union  
923 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 267-9771  
www.mizpalcongregation.org  

Project Canterbury (Episcopal-Lutheran Ministries)  
663 Douglas Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 451-6882  
www.projectcanterbury.dioet.org  
@Project Canterbury  

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)  
535 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423)322-2157  
www.utcruf.org  

The House: University Ministries of Chattanooga  
650 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 752-9407  
www.thehouseutc.org  
@TheHouseUTC  

The Wesley Center: United Methodist Campus Ministries  
607 Douglas St., Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 266-3691  
www.wesleyutc.com  

Young Life College (YLC)  
(423) 260-5023  
www.chattanooga.younglife.org  
@UTCYLC  

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  
1. Whenever the Athletics Department proposes that athletic financial assistance be terminated within the contract period, the student shall be notified in writing of the proposed termination by the Director of Financial Aid. The notice shall contain the reasons for termination and the student's right to a hearing before the Scholarships Committee, in accordance with institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations.  
2. Whenever athletic financial assistance is not to be renewed at the end of the contract period, the student shall be notified in writing by the Director of Financial Aid of the student's right to a hearing before the Scholarships Committee, in accordance with institutional, Southern Conference, and NCAA regulations.  
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.  
B. 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)
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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. 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 have any additional questions regarding institutional, Southern Conference, and/or NCAA regulations, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office at (423) 425-5577.

Music Department

The Music Department 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 1 or zero (0) credit hours. The zero credit option allows students to participate without affecting the HOPE scholarship.

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 chorale 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 chorale 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 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 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 Cadek Community Orchestra performs college-level orchestral literature and performs on campus each year. Members are selected by open audition.

The UTC Band program is comprised of several performing groups open to any student with appropriate experience. Marching Band 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. 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) 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 semesters.

All interested students should contact the Music Department at 425-4601 or visit the department web site (www.utc.edu/music). You are also welcome to come by the Music Office which is located in room 308 of the Fine Arts Center.

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

The Department of Theatre and Speech is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. The UTC 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 Jim G. Lewis Studio Theatre (a flexible-space experimental theatre), and shops for scenery and costume. Call 425-4374 for information.
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 organizations 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. Starting a New Student Organization

1. Students wishing to create a new student organization must establish a constitution & bylaws, maintain officers and a minimum membership of 5 students. Student Organizations are also required to retain a faculty/staff adviser at all times.

2. 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.

3. Students will submit their request for recognition through OrgSync. Please log in either by clicking the logo on the right or by clicking here. Once logged in, Click the “Organizations” link in the blue bar at the top. Click the green "Register New Organization" button and when prompted select the "Dean of Students Office" umbrella and fill out the registration form.

4. The application will be reviewed by the SGA Procedures Committee, then passed on with a recommendation of favorable/unfavorable to be voted on by the SGA Senate. Once approved by the SGA Senate, it will be passed on to the Office of the Dean of Students for final approval. If there are changes, additions or inaccuracies that need to be corrected with your request, you will be contacted by the SGA Parliamentarian and provided feedback and instructions for correction through your request on OrgSync.

5. Students Organizations will receive written notification via e-mail of approval from the Office of the Dean of Students upon receipt of vote from SGA.

Can I recruit new members/hold informational meetings during my recognition approval process? Yes, you are permitted to hold up to 3 informational meetings in a University Center facility prior to approval.

Please Note: Student Organizations should be created by students, for students. 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.

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 Dean of Students Office. This information is to be updated annually OR when changes are made.

- Annual renewal will be conducted through OrgSync. In May of every academic year, the administrators for the organization’s portal on OrgSync will notice a blue bar with a link requesting renewal. This renewal must be completed within 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. A template can be found at this link under the “Student Organization Roster” folder. The Dean of Students Office has the right to request changes if information is not complete or inaccurate and the student completing the renewal will be contacted via their university e-mail address.

- If an organization fails to complete renewal, they will be disabled in OrgSync and will not be permitted to utilize facilities on campus for events, request student organization funding and have temporarily lost all student organization privileges outlined in the Student Handbook. If they wish to remain an active organization, the officers must contact the Dean of Students Office 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 with organization name and reason for going inactive. Upon review, the organization’s portal on OrgSync 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 we prefer the students lead the 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 obligation to see that any portion of the meeting given over to audience discussion is open to all present, so far as time permits.
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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 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 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 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 renewal from through Orgsync 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 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 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.
3. If a similar organization currently exists on campus.

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:

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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), are eligible to pledge a fraternity or sorority during the first semester of attendance if they have a 2.5 cumulative High School GPA. Please note that some group constitution or pledging policies require/enforce a higher minimum standard.

2. Transfers or Returning Students, who have a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and are enrolled for at least 12 hours, are eligible to be pledged. Please note that some group constitution or pledging policies require/enforce a higher minimum standard.

3. All new members must maintain full-time status (12 hours) during their pledgship.

Initiation Rules
To be initiated, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 hours), be free of disciplinary probation, and have obtained a 2.5 GPA for the semester in which they are a new member.

Chapter Status—Initiation
1. The names of candidates for initiation are submitted by the organization to the Dean of Students Department for approval at least one week before initiation.

2. If a fraternity or sorority fails to maintain a 2.5 average on the grades of all new initiated members, it may go on probation for the ensuing semester.

3. All activities of fraternities and sororities, including but not limited to: recruiting, pledging, initiation, social functions, membership intake, Panhellenic, NPHC, and IFC are under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Student Development and the Dean 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 five active members, who are officially recognized by the Dean of Students Department and Division of Student Development, to remain on active status with the University. Chapters that have less than five active members must seek approval from the Dean of Students Department and the Division Development in order to remain in active standing.

6. NPHC organizations must submit a complete Membership Intake Packet to the Division 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 Division 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 Division of Student Development reserves the right to make recommendations regarding residents.
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MOCS ATHLETICS

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga athletics program owns a proud and outstanding tradition in its 112-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 nine years, UTC has won 25 regular season and 30 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 2015-16 academic year, here is a look back at some of our most recent successes.

The wrestling team won its 29th Southern Conference Championship in 2014. The Mocs sent seven wrestlers to the NCAA Championships, the most since 2008 when Chattanooga sent eight.

The women’s basketball squad has won its 14th SoCon title in the last 16 years. The Lady Mocs also made their 13th trip to the NCAA Tournament. It was a record setting year for the women’s team with a No. 17 ranking in the AP Top 25 and No. 18 in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

The football team won its first outright Southern Conference title since 1984 and its second straight. The Mocs finished with a school-record 10-4 record, the most wins in school history and ran the table in the SoCon. UTC advanced to the FCS quarterfinals and achieved a school-record No. 8 ranking.

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

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 seven years. The Mocs have won six SoCon titles and competed in the last nine NCAA Regionals.

The women’s golf team began competition in 2007 and has quickly become the top program in the Southern Conference. The Mocs have also won six straight SoCon Championships.

The softball team has won four of the last eight SoCon Regular Season titles. The Mocs won the SoCon Tournament in 2014 and have earned a spot in the NCAA Championships in 10 of the last 16 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 each sporting venue on game day. Guests must sit in the student section. Student guest ticket prices are $10.00 for football and men’s basketball, $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 UTC 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.