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1. The organization is initiated, organized, and led by students.
2. In principle, any student may join the organization if he/she shows an interest in the mission of the organization.
3. The organization is responsible for its own funding.
4. Leadership may be elected by popular vote.
5. Leadership of the organization seeks only the advice of a faculty/staff advisor. (Note Advisor information in “Leadership of Student Organizations” section.)
6. Religious organizations must adhere to the University statement of faith and the disciplines of the Wesleyan Church.

Organizations that are University Recognized must have a constitution on file in the Student Development Office. They must also submit the names of the students in leadership positions as well as the name of their advisor(s).

University Recognized organizations must abide by the responsibilities outlined by the University for student organizations before receiving the privileges of being a University Recognized student organization.

University Recognized organizations are accountable for and subject to all university policies including those set forth by university departments, in the Student Handbook, and in the Student Organization Policy and Procedure Manual. Organizations that fail to abide by policies may be subject to privilege suspension, probation, or loss of recognition status. Policy violations will be reviewed and decided upon by the Student Development Office.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Responsibilities

1. To maintain an up-to-date and accurate constitution on file in the Student Development Office.
2. To abide by the bylaws of the organization’s constitution.
3. To uphold the policies and standards of IWU in all activities and meetings on and off campus. This includes representing the University in a positive light in respect for our mission and distinct Christian environment.
4. To inform the Student Development Office each semester of those students who are in leadership (by submitting the Student Organization Directory Form) and provide updates if officers change during the academic year.
5. To attend the Student Organization Workshop each academic year.
6. To maintain active contact with the organization’s faculty/staff advisor(s).
7. To supply a representative from the organization to the Student Government Association for funding eligibility.
8. To abide by all policies and procedures as outlined in the Student Organization Policy and Procedure Manual.

Privileges

1. Use of campus facilities and equipment, i.e. meeting rooms, related equipment, recreation facilities, and the services of student graphic artists in the Student Development Office.
2. Establishment of an agency account for maintaining finances in the Business Office.
3. Opportunity to participate in events pertaining to student organizations and student leadership e.g. Homecoming, leadership seminars, etc.
4. Ability to submit a funding request to the Student Government Association for special projects/needs. (Funding is not guaranteed and for those who receive funding representation at SGA is required.)
5. Inclusion in appropriate university publications.
6. Opportunity for on campus fundraisers that abide by university policy.

LEADERSHIP OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Officers

Each student organization should have designated students to serve in leadership roles for the organization.

Faculty Advisors

Each student organization must have a faculty or staff advisor. Advisors are appointed by one of the following ways:

1. Determined by University administration,
2. Elected by the faculty, or
3. Selected by the student organization. If the advisor of an organization changes, that organization shall notify the Student Development Office of the change and this must occur prior to the organization resuming activity.

The advisor shall be a member of the organization's executive committee and shall be notified of all general and special meetings of the organization and its committees. He/She shall see that the secretary supplies the Student Development Office with a list of officers after each election. All plans, actions, and requests of the organization must be approved by the advisor before they go into effect, are referred to other groups for action, or are scheduled on the calendar.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GPA AND CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The general expectation for participating in leadership positions and roles at Indiana Wesleyan University is that students will maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Note that GPA expectations set by select organizations and offices may be higher.

A student leader should be a leader in all areas of life. Therefore, student leaders should be in good standing in all citizenship areas including chapel attendance and parking expectations.

Leadership positions include, but are not limited to, co-curricular activities such as those found in residence life, student activities, intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, travel teams, and the Dean of the Chapel Office. They also include holding office in student clubs and organizations, serving as a cabinet or senate representative in SGO, serving as editor or manager of student publications or athletic teams, and being a university representative to the public.

Student leaders falling below this minimum GPA (or the higher minimum established by their respective group or office) are expected to suspend involvement in leadership until such time their cumulative GPA reaches the prescribed level. Citizenship probation as defined by the Dean of the Chapel Office is also applicable.

Student Leadership Discipline Policy

But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. Luke 12:48

The role of an IWU student leader, whether it be Hall Leadership, SGA Leader, SAC Leader, or a Student Organization Leader is vital to the growth and development of the peers in which they lead. Student leaders must be above reproach. There are certain expectations that go along with being student leader. If leaders fail to hold themselves accountable, the character as well as the integrity of the entire leadership staff comes into question.

To be more consistent with the Biblical mandate to expect more from those in leadership, students who serve in leadership roles and fail to maintain school policies (as stated in the student handbook) will not only be subject to disciplinary action if caught violating a policy but also if the violation is self-reported. Disciplinary action and consequences will be based upon the severity of the infraction.