

# Policy Manual



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## GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College (the “College”) is committed to improving the quality of life for its students through a comprehensive Student Life program, which may include, but is not limited to, student organizations, leadership development, student government, community service opportunities/service learning, intramural sports and intercollegiate athletics, campus recreation, new student orientation, educational and entertainment programming, student media, and the issuance of the College identification card.

Participation in Student Life activities shall be open to all currently enrolled students and employees of the College, without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. However, the College reserves the right to limit access, screen participants, or establish criteria for participation based on program goals and budgetary limitations.

The College shall ensure that students and student organizations remain free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately. Organizations may host events of their own choosing if (1) they have secured funds in advance to defray expenses, (2) reservations for facilities are made through appropriate channels, (3) the program is consistent with established College policy, and (4) prior written approval has been obtained from the campus/center Student Life Office. The Student Life Office may require that a student organization event be supervised by the adviser or designee.

Student organizations must conform to the College standards of civility as proscribed in the Student Code of Conduct, BC Policy 6Hx2-5.02.

Student organizations are free to support causes by orderly means that do not disrupt the operation of the College. In their public expressions or demonstrations, students, student organizations, and guest speakers present their own views. The College neither sanctions nor endorses the views presented.

The College prohibits any acts of hazing on or off the campus by individual students, student groups or organizations, or any other individuals or groups associated with the College.

## THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

The Student Life programs shall be funded by the Student Activity and Service Fee assessed on a per credit hour basis.

### Student Affairs Programs and Services Council

The Student Affairs Programs and Services Council shall recommend a balanced Student Life budget to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management who shall submit the budget to the President

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for approval.

The membership of the Student Affairs Programs and Services Council shall be comprised of at least 50% students, with at least one student member from each campus. A student shall serve as vice chair of the Council. The budget prepared shall be based on an estimate of total funds generated from this fee as well as an estimate of funds carried forward from the prior year.

Supplemental, part-time and full-time salaries for those employed in Student Life, Student Affairs and Athletics are set by the Board of Trustees and are not subject to approval by the Student Affairs Programs and Services Council.

### Registered Student Organizations and Student Government

Registered student organizations and student government provide important opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and develop social connections. Students enrolled in the College may form organizations to serve their common interests in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The policies, purposes and principles of the organization's operation are consistent with the general philosophies and principles of free institutions in a democratic society.
2. Membership in the organization is open to all students at the College without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. In accordance with Florida Administrative Code 6A-14.057, non-religious and religious student organizations may participate without respect to viewpoint and whether or not officers are required to abide by a statement of orthodoxy or faith.
3. Officers of student organizations must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 previous semester GPA. Student government officers must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 previous semester GPA.
4. A current list of officers must be filed with the appropriate campus/center student life office each semester.
5. A constitution shall be approved by the appropriate campus/center student life office. The constitution shall include a statement of purpose, criteria for membership, rules and/or procedures of operation of the student organization, and the disclosure of all off-campus affiliations and associations of the student organization.

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6. The constitution of every student organization must have an explicit statement prohibiting hazing per Florida Statute 1006.63.
7. Student organizations are required to secure a member of the full-time faculty, staff, or administration to serve as their adviser. In rare instances, the campus student life director or coordinator may grant an exception and allow a part-time staff or adjunct faculty member to serve as the adviser.
8. Recruitment and membership policies and practices are free of deception, and coercive tactics.

Upon initial contact with prospective members, organizations are required to disclose the following information:

1. All financial costs associated with membership.
2. The average number of hours per week members are expected to donate to organizational pursuits.
3. The academic performance expectations of members.
4. Any sponsorship or association with any organizations outside the College and whether or not membership in other organizations is expected.
5. The names and affiliations of all external advisers who are not employed by the College.
6. An explicit statement that the organization shall not tolerate hazing.
7. A statement that the organization shall in no way force or coerce either physically or emotionally in its solicitation for membership or in the execution of its activities as a student organization at the College.

All registered student organizations shall be required to sign a statement of compliance with the above provisions.

### Student Organization Funding

Student organizations may request funds from their campus Student Life office. These funds must remain in the appropriate College account. Student organization funds from all sources other than the receipt of student activity and service fees must be deposited into a College Agency account, subject to BC Policy and Procedure 6Hx2-6.25, Agency Fund Account.

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## THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Faculty and staff may serve as an adviser to a student organization and are required to conform to the procedures for advisers in BC Procedure A6Hx2-5.13. The chief student affairs officer on the campus may remove an adviser if it is deemed in the best interest of the student organization.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The student life directors/coordinators under the supervision of the student dean and in consultation with the Associate Vice President for Student Development Services and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management are responsible for implementation and oversight of policy compliance.

Students who wish to grieve a decision of the student life director/coordinator may appeal in writing to the chief student affairs office on the campus or Associate Vice President for Student Development Services, depending on the circumstances, within 5 days of the decision. The chief student affairs officer or Associate Vice President for Student Development Services will consider the appeal and render a decision within 5 business day after receiving the request from the student. If the student is not satisfied with the response of the chief student affairs officer, or Associate Vice President for Student Development Services, he/she may appeal in writing to the Campus Provost or Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, depending on the circumstances, within 5 business days after the decision is rendered by the chief student affairs officer or Associate Vice President for Student Development Services. The Campus Provost or Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will render a decision within 5 business days after receiving the request from the student. The decision of the Campus Provost or Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management shall be final.

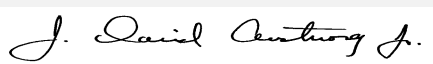
## VIOLATION OF POLICY

Individual members of and registered student organizations who violate the provisions of this Student Life policy shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures and penalties outlined in College Student Code of Conduct, up to and including dismissal from the College, both in their individual capacity as a student and in their collective capacity as a student organization.

## DEFINITIONS

**Student Organization** - a student group that has registered with a campus/center student life office in accordance with the provisions of this policy and procedure.

**Hazing** - Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.63, the College defines hazing as any action or situation which

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recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of the College. Such terms includes, but are not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance; or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual, and shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity as described above upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a student organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

[Link to Procedure A6Hx2-5.13](#)

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