## MANUAL OF POLICY

Title Student Organizations 3630

**Legal Authority** Approval of the Board of Trustees

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South Texas College seeks to encourage students interested in a common purpose to organize and request approval as a recognized student organization. Student organizations must be recognized as such in order to be permitted to use college facilities. Student organizations will be required to comply with College policy, rules, and legal requirements.

The College recognizes and encourages student organizations as an integral part of college life. Student organizations offer an opportunity for personal growth and development of special talents and interests. Student participation in the planning and administration of varied College student activities affords practical learning experiences of invaluable benefit to all. Student and faculty fraternalism is fostered and thus provides for an atmosphere conducive to long-lasting friendships as well as meaningful learning experiences.

Funds from Student Activities may assist recognized student organizations with specific needs. A Committee on student organizations will be established to decide eligibility of student organizations to receive support. A student organization requesting such funding will be allowed, if necessary, to present documentation to justify the request.

The Director of Student Life and Wellness has the responsibility for the registration and official College recognition of student organizations. Approval of student organizations is granted by the Director of Student Life and Wellness after approval has been obtained from the Committee on Student Organizations. Student organizations must be sponsored by a full time staff or faculty member.

The President is authorized to develop procedures for the process of recognizing student organizations and their remaining on active status.

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