


Memorandum

To: President Ruth Watkins

From: Dr. Barb Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs



Re: Proposed Revisions of University Policies for Student Organizations

Date: April 2, 2018

The proposed changes to Policy 6-401 Students of the University and the creation of Policy 6-408 and Rule 6-401A are all connected as a means to update University policy to reflect the needed changes in student activities and management of student organizations.

The implementation of much of what is outlined below in these policy changes will be facilitated by Student Leadership & Involvement. ASUU is aware of these proposed changes and has created systematic changes to assure a smooth transition to the University community. If there are any major changes to the policies presented, Student Leadership & Involvement will make the needed adjustments to stay in compliance with University policies. To date, the response has been extremely positive. Feedback has mostly consisted of questions on how organizations and departments can implement the changes.

Policy 6-401 Students of the University

The purpose of this policy is establish student governance at the University of Utah under the compliance of the Student Code of Conduct, student representation through the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU), affiliation with recognized student organizations and advisement from the Committee on Student Affairs.

Summary of Changes:

1. Management and recognition of student organizations is now done by SLI, as opposed to ASUU.
2. The purpose, scope and definitions were updated to reflect current standards for University policies.
3. The outline for time tables for proposals to be submitted for ASUU changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was removed, as those procedures would be more appropriate for the ASUU Constitution and Bylaws.
4. The Apportionment Board, who sole purpose was to control ASUU funds was eliminated, while the duties were reassigned to the Committee on Student Affairs.
5. Information was added to reflect the recognition of student organization by Student Leadership & Involvement, as opposed to ASUU.
6. The Committee on Student Affairs was updated to reflect current duties, responsibilities and membership, noting that much of the previous language referred to policies that are no longer included in the Student Code and duties that are now carried out by units in the Division of Student Affairs.

7. The Committee on Student Affairs now serves as an advisory capacity to both ASUU and the Vice President for Student Affairs. They should give recommendations to the Board of Trustees through the Vice President for Student Affairs on ASUU constitution and budget changes, as well as policy and regulation changes.
8. Information on Student Media was removed for it to be stand-alone policy of the University.

Rule 6-401A Student Organization Classification

This University Rule has been developed to explain the University's recognition process and to clearly establish, define, and formalize the relationship shared between recognized student organizations and the University of Utah.

Summary of the Proposed Rule:

1. Recognized student organizations are to be categorized into one of three distinct categories with associated responsibilities and benefits. The three categories include: sponsored, affiliated, and registered. In addition to the recognized student organizations, students may form together and seek no affiliation with the University. Groups that are "non-registered" groups will receive no benefits or recognition from the University.
2. This also outlines the student organization recognition process and the requirement that must be included in order to be recognized and receive the benefits of the University through Student Leadership & Involvement.
3. Classification of the organizations is not meant to be a ladder for organization to rise in the rankings but to identify what classification the organization is in relation to the University.
 - a. Sponsored Organizations - Operate under the direct and constant guidance of the sponsoring department or office which must be committed to supporting the student organizations mission and activities. This may include the use of a designated office or workspace provided by the University, access to funding from university revenues with accounting staff support, and access to staff members whose job description includes coordination of the organization.
 - b. Affiliated Organizations - Contribute to the mission and culture of the University by routinely presenting events for their members and invited guests. These organizations have an affiliation with a University department or unit but, unlike sponsored organizations, the University does not have direct oversight of the day-to-day activities of the organization.
 - c. Registered Organizations - These organizations typically focus on a specific issue or activity and function with minimal support from or interaction with the University.
 - d. Non-Registered Organizations - The University of Utah does not exercise any control, supervision or responsibility for non-registered organization activities. The University of Utah acknowledges the right and privilege of individual students and groups of students

to assemble peacefully on campus for any lawful purpose. The University may impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on the exercise of the right of peaceful assembly to insure that the essential operation of the University.

Policy 6-408 Student Media

This policy establishes the functions of student press through the Student Media Council to oversee all University-wide student media, products, related services and business functions supported entirely or in part by student media production fees.

Summary of the Proposed Policy:

1. The purpose, scope and definitions were updated to reflect current standards for University policies.
2. The language within the policy was updated remove the relation and structure provided from P6-401.
3. The Liaison to the Board of Trustees was listed as the Policy Owner, as Student Media reports directly to the Board of Trustees through this position.