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## **POLICY**

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### **POL U8610.01 -- RECOGNITION POLICY**

*This policy applies to WWU recognized student organizations*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Associated Students of Western Washington University are charged, by the Board of Trustees, with the responsibility for providing a framework for the development of a program of student activities in which student initiative and responsibility may find expression. Thus, in order to assure equal access to ASWWU resources and to insure compliance with relevant laws and regulations, the following policies and procedures govern the recognition of Organizations and Programs at Western Washington University.

#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Student organizations (clubs) are groups that form through the interest of student members with a particular purpose or goal usually centered on a topic, issue, activity, philosophy, or event. These organizations may be; event specific, short-term, or ongoing in nature, however their existence is dependent upon the continued interest of the student members.
2. Religious organizations are student groups whose purposes include, or who intend to conduct, religious worship, exercise, or instruction as part of their regular activities. These organizations are subject to all the benefits, requirements, and regulations of organizational recognition except as noted within this policy.
3. Limited Membership organizations are student groups that are chapters or colonies of national associations whose by-laws require certain limitations on membership. Membership limitations must be contained

within the parent organizations by-laws and are limited to: class standing, academic standing, and/or major. Social fraternities and sororities are specifically excluded from recognition under this classification. These organizations are subject to all the benefits, requirements, and regulations of organizational recognition except as noted within this policy.

- a. Honorary Societies are student groups that are chapters or colonies of national organizations whose purposes are to recognize academic achievement.
  - b. Pre-professional organizations are student chapters of professional organizations that offer unique opportunities and benefits to students while undergraduates or graduate students.
4. Programs are defined as offices chartered and organized by the A.S. Board to provide on-going basic resources for students in the form of recreational, informational, activity, entertainment, cultural events, and service programs that compliment those offered by the University.
  5. Administrative offices are chartered and organized by the A.S. Board to provide internal support services to the A.S. Board or for the A.S. programs and organizations.