

Student Organization Review Committee

The Student Organization Review Committee (SORC) is a group of people who review new student organization applications and interview applicants once per academic year in the Fall Semester. SORC then makes recommendations to the Vice Provost for Student Life for approval based on the application and interview.

SORC consists of:

- Director of the Student Leadership and Involvement Center or his/her designee
- CSU Executive Member
- Student representative from the Student Life Policy Committee
- A graduate/professional school representative selected by the CSU Cabinet

Students interested in starting new organizations must first meet with the Director of the Student Leadership and Involvement Center or his/her designee to go over the application process and the draft of their proposed constitution. Following receipt of the completed application packet, the materials will be reviewed by SORC for consideration. A completed application packet includes the "New Student Organization Application" on CU Involved, a constitution, a mission statement, the names and NET IDs of six students interested in the organization, and a proposed calendar of events. Students will then be required to attend an interview with SORC. Interviews typically take place 2-3 weeks after the application packet deadline in the fall.

During the SORC interview, a representative must be present to briefly discuss the purpose and goals of the proposed organization and answer any questions. After the interview, SORC makes recommendations to the Vice Provost for Student Life. The options for SORC recommendations include:

- Recommend for Conditional Status
 - If group follows all application guidelines, lives out Creighton mission, does not duplicate efforts and is sustainable
- Do Not Recommend for Conditional Status
 - Group does not fulfill requirements. May be invited to reapply

The Vice Provost for Student Life's decision to approve based on the recommendations of SORC would move organizations to be in Conditional Status. After groups complete ten weeks in Conditional Status and meet the appropriate milestones, a progress report will be sent to the Vice Provost of Student Life from the Assistant Director for Programming and Student Organizations. The Vice Provost for Student Life will return his/her decision on the final approval of each Conditional Status Organization. Groups who have reached Final Approval Status will be considered a fully registered student organization.

Groups who do not move from Conditional Status to Final Approval Status may remain in Conditional Status for one additional year. They do not need to go through the SORC process again, but would need to meet the same milestones for the following Fall and Spring and be up for reconsideration the following year. After three consecutive semesters of being not approved for Final Approval Status, organizations would need to re-start the application process in its entirety.

Student Organizations will remain in Conditional Status for 10 weeks. This allows students to focus on recruiting members, developing their goals, and creating a plan for the future of their organization. Conditional Status organizations must reach the following milestones to be considered for final approval:

- Attend the Winter Involvement Fair (undergraduate organizations only)
- Hold at least three informational meetings with Director of Student Leadership and Involvement Center or his/her designee must be present for one of those meetings
- Meet one-on-one with the Director of the Student Leadership and Involvement Center or his/her designee following Spring Break to discuss the progress of the organization
- Attend the Spring Student Organization Orientation Conference
- Attend two Leadership Exchange sessions sponsored by the SLIC
- Complete the Annual Registration Process through the SLIC
- Moderator must complete Moderator Training
- Create and update a CU Involved page
- Meet with CSU Vice President of Finance to discuss how to apply for funding, if applicable

The following privileges are only available to groups who have been approved for Conditional Status. These same privileges do not apply to groups in the initial stages of the application process or groups who were not approved for Conditional Status.

Privileges -

- Access to SLIC Resources
- Eligible to reserve space on campus
- Access to a CU Involved Page
- Ability to advertise for events in Student News, on digital signs, and on posting boards (with approval from SLIC for all postings)

Not Eligible For -

- Student Organization Mailbox
- Creighton Federal Credit Union Account
- CSU Funding
- Co-sponsoring programs or events
- Ability to apply for the Leadership Education Grant

Following Final Approval Status, organizations would have access to all privileges as all other regular, registered student organizations found. More details can be found on the "Responsibilities and Privileges" Student Leadership and Involvement Center webpage.

In lieu of the SORC process, in all cases involving interest in forming a new social Greek organization, whether from the general student body of the Panhellenic (PHC) or Interfraternity Councils (IFC), an exploratory committee will be created through the appropriate governing body. This exploratory

committee will vote on proposed organizations and share with PHC/IFC, which will make final recommendations to the Vice Provost for Student Life. All students interested in starting a new social Greek organization are required to meet with the Assistant Director of Student Leadership and Involvement Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life who will take the lead in communication with any inter/national offices.

Students who wish to participate in the fraternity or sorority recruitment process must have completed one semester as a full-time student (12 hours) at Creighton or another college or university, and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible. Transfer students must be able to produce a transcript for grade point average verification.

Students have the right to know the status of a registered student organization that they are a member of, or that they are interested in joining. Students can access this information through a request to the Student Leadership and Involvement Center staff.

Due to the nature of membership recruitment for social Greek organizations, students engaging in the recruitment process will be notified at the beginning of the process if any of the organizations are on disciplinary reprimand, disciplinary or social probation. Suspended organizations are not eligible to recruit new members.

The University extends certain privileges to each registered student organization. Along with those privileges come certain responsibilities that are expected of each organization. Please see “Responsibilities and Privileges”, found on the Student Leadership and Involvement Center web page, for further details.

While the University respects the right of individual students and student organizations to express their ideas, it is understood that such expressions or views remain those of the individuals or organizations and are not to be construed as necessarily reflecting University opinion or as an endorsement by the University.

The University reserves the right to deny or withdraw official registration for any student group which (a) permits membership therein by persons who are not Creighton University students; (b) does not organize itself and conduct its activities in accordance with the provisions of this Handbook; or (c) has any purpose(s), aim(s), objective(s) and/or philosophy which, in the sole judgment of the University, is or are contrary to or inconsistent with the best interests of the University or the Credo, purposes, mission, or objectives of the University. Only student groups that are officially registered are permitted to use University facilities or services, to identify themselves in any way with the University, and to share in other privileges or support for which student groups registered by the University are eligible.