



Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students (PACAOS)

70.00 POLICY ON REGISTERED CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

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Scope:	For all pertinent activities involving University students, employees, and properties, the <i>Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students</i> apply to the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and to the Department of Energy Laboratories operated by the University of California, subject to Laboratory implementing regulations and contractual obligations between The Regents and the Department of Energy.

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I. POLICY SUMMARY

The *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students* are a compendium of University-wide policies relating to student life. Section 70.00 describes the University's policy on registered campus organizations.

II. DEFINITIONS

Definitions for the *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students*, and the campus implementing regulations adopted pursuant to them, are provided in Section 14.00.

III. POLICY TEXT

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70.10 Definition; Registration and Membership Requirements

A Registered Campus Organization is an organization whose membership predominantly comprises students, faculty, and/or staff of a particular University campus, and that attains recognition as a Registered Campus Organization by complying with the requirements and procedures set forth in campus implementing regulations. Such regulations shall require that the organization furnish a written statement of its name and its purposes, signed by its officers or other authorized representatives, and that includes as well such other pertinent information as the campus may specify. Membership in a Registered Campus Organization shall be open to any student, consistent with the *Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications Regarding Student-Related Matters*, with the exception that membership in an officially recognized sorority or fraternity may be limited by gender. Membership in a Registered Campus Organization may be extended to individuals other than students, faculty, and staff, under conditions specified in campus implementing regulations. An authorized student government of a campus shall not be eligible for registration also as a Registered Campus Organization of that campus.

70.20 Requirements for Funding from Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees

A Registered Campus Organization that is preponderantly or exclusively funded by a student government or other campus entity from compulsory campus-based student fees shall primarily have University of California students as its members. Particular programs and activities of a Registered Campus Organization funded from compulsory campus-based student fees shall be open to participation by the entire campus community. In addition, all expenditures relating to particular programs and activities of a Registered Campus Organization (whether the program or activity takes place on- or off-campus) that are funded from such fees must be under the direct control of University of California students. (See also Section 86.11 of these *Policies*.)

70.30 Conduct and Discipline

A Registered Campus Organization is required to comply with University policies and campus regulations as well as applicable laws or it will be subject to revocation of registration, loss of privileges, or other sanctions. In denying or revoking registration or applying sanctions, campus regulations shall provide an opportunity for a hearing with basic standards of procedural due process.

70.40 Use of University Name

A Registered Campus Organization shall not use the name of the University of California or abbreviations thereof as a part of its own name except in accordance with applicable law and University policy (including, but not limited to, State of California Education Code, Section 92000, and the Presidential Policy to Permit Use of the University's Name) as well as campus implementing regulations.

70.50 Use of University Properties

Any use of University properties and services by a Registered Campus Organization must conform to Section 40.00 of these *Policies* and applicable campus time, place, and manner regulations.

70.60 Fiscal Accountability

Chancellors may investigate, through audits or other means, and take action to ensure that the fiscal activities of a Registered Campus Organization comply with legal requirements and University policies and procedures.

70.70 University Sponsorship

As provided in Section 41.00 of these *Policies*, a Registered Campus Organization that uses University property, services, or other resources must avoid any unauthorized implication that it is sponsored, endorsed, or favored by the University.

70.80 Support

A Registered Campus Organization or Registered Campus Organization-related program or activity may be supported from compulsory campus-based student fees and/or from voluntary contributions under conditions set forth in Sections 86.00 and 90.00 respectively of these *Policies*.

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The referendum process set forth in Section 82.00 of these *Policies* shall not be accessible to a Registered Campus Organization or any student group other than a student government. The foregoing is not intended to preclude access to the referendum process by any administrative unit of the University, subject to appropriate student consultation. Support for a Registered Campus Organization or any student group other than a student government from compulsory campus-based student fees must be in the form of a reallocation from student government or other appropriate

campus entity to the Registered Campus Organization or other student group. All such reallocations must be made consistent with the requirements for viewpoint-neutral funding set forth in Sections 70.82, 86.20, and 86.30 of these *Policies*. (See also Section 86.12 of these *Policies*.)

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Any process adopted by a student government or other campus entity to provide support to a Registered Campus Organization or Registered Campus Organization-related program or activity from compulsory campus-based student fees must employ solely viewpoint-neutral criteria as set forth in Section 86.30 of these *Policies*.

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A student government in consultation with the campus, or a campus with the concurrence of the student government, may at its discretion establish and administer a mechanism providing for a pro rata refund to any student of that portion of his or her compulsory campus-based student fees that has been allocated by a student government or other campus entity to support a particular Registered Campus Organization or Registered Campus Organization-related program or activity. Establishment of such a refund mechanism is not required either as a matter of University policy or the law. (See also Section 86.13 of these *Policies*.)

70.90 Transfer of Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees to Non-University Entities

Compulsory campus-based student fees may be expended by a Registered Campus Organization to cover the expenses of direct participation by University students in a particular non-University-sponsored educational program or activity. Such fees may also be expended for the payment of applicable dues necessary to sustain membership by a Registered Campus Organization in national and other regional non-University associations at the basic level established by such associations, so long as the level of any such assessment is in line with what is assessed similar student organizations at other institutions comparable in size and nature to the University as a requirement of basic membership. Except as provided immediately below, memberships at a preferential level that require the payment of higher periodic dues than what is required to sustain basic membership, or the assessment by such non-University associations of supplemental contributions from their members as an expectation but not a requirement of continued membership, may not be supported from compulsory campus-based student fees.

Other than for considerations of basic membership as set forth above, additional transfers of funds from compulsory campus-based student fees by a Registered Campus Organization to such non-University associations may be made only when they can be justified, in advance of the transfer, to the Chancellor (or other campus official

designated by the Chancellor with administrative oversight over Registered Campus Organizations) as providing a direct educational benefit to University of California students commensurate with the proposed expenditure.

Compulsory campus-based fees may not otherwise be expended by a Registered Campus Organization in support of, or be otherwise transferred to, a non-University organization, program, or activity, except in payment for goods and services directly necessary to the operation of the Registered Campus Organization, its programs or activities.

The referendum process set forth in Section 82.00 of these *Policies* shall not be available either to establish a new compulsory campus-based student fee, or to lock in an increase to an existing such fee, for the purpose of supporting any non-University organization, program, or activity. (See also Sections 67.10 and 87.00 of these *Policies*).

IV. COMPLIANCE / RESPONSIBILITIES

Chancellors shall adopt campus implementing regulations consistent with these *Policies*. The University shall publish these *Policies* and make them widely available, and Chancellors shall do the same with respect to the implementing regulations for their campuses. This requirement may be satisfied through the on-line publication of these *Policies* and their respective campus implementing regulations. (See also Section 13.20 of these *Policies*.)

V. PROCEDURES

The President shall consult as appropriate with Chancellors, Vice Presidents, the Office of the General Counsel, and Universitywide advisory committees prior to amending these *Policies*. Chancellors shall consult with faculty, students, and staff prior to submitting to the President any campus recommendations related to proposed amendments to these *Policies*. Amendments that are specifically mandated by law, however, do not require consultation with campus representatives or Universitywide advisory committees to the extent that legal requirements do not permit such consultation. (See also Section 13.10 of these *Policies*.)

Chancellors shall consult with students (including student governments), faculty, and staff in the development or revision of campus implementing regulations except when the development or revision of such regulations results from changes to these *Policies* that have been specifically mandated by law. Campuses shall specify procedures, including consultation processes, by which campus implementing regulations may be developed or revised. (See also Section 13.30 of these *Policies*.)

Prior to their adoption, all proposed campus implementing regulations, including all

substantive modifications to existing such regulations, shall be submitted to the Office of the President for review, in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, for consistency with these *Policies* and the law. (See also Section 13.40 of these *Policies*.)

VI. RELATED INFORMATION

See also *Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students* sections:

- 10.00 Preamble and General Provisions
- 11.00 Authority
- 12.00 Applicability
- 13.00 Development and Review of Universitywide Policies and Campus
Implementing Regulations
- 14.00 Definitions

VII. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Not applicable

VIII. REVISION HISTORY

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