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POLICY
Student Organizations

1. **Purpose**
   To facilitate the provision of organizations for students of Zayed University to maximize their personal, professional, and leadership development, and/or to enhance community engagement.

2. **Scope of Application**
   This policy applies to all Zayed University student organizations.

3. **Definitions**

Professional Society, Association, or Club	Affiliated with a relevant academic unit in collaboration with the SLD
Provost	Provost and Chief Academic Officer
Student Club	Affiliated with the SLD
Student Organization	An officially recognized group of students with a defined purpose, objective, and organizational structure aligned with the University vision, and strategic objectives
SLD	Student Leadership Department; a department within Student Affairs that deals with student leadership matters
University	Zayed University

4. **Policy**
   4.1 Zayed University ("**University**") encourages the development and effective management of all student organizations as well as other co-curricular activities as an important aspect of the overall student experience.

   4.2 The University facilitates students' engagement in organizations and activities within defined guidelines and procedures. A student organization will be officially recognized when it meets the following criteria:
   a) It is aligned with University policies, vision, and strategic objectives.
   b) It has clear objectives.

      c) It addresses a need that is not already met by another club, society, or association.

      d) It has a clear organizational structure.

      e) It abides by the professional and ethical guidelines expected of University students.

4.3 There are two (2) types of student organization at the University:
      a) Student Club.
      Approvals or discontinuations of student clubs will be managed by the Student Leadership Department ("**SLD**").
      b) Professional Society, Association, or Club.
      The relevant academic unit will manage the approvals and discontinuations of professional societies/associations/clubs in collaboration with the SLD.

4.4 All student organizations must be registered with the SLD**.**

5. Related Policies and Laws
- ACA-STU-102 Undergraduate Student Code of Conduct
- ACA-STU-302 Extracurricular Activities and Programs

6. Administration
This policy is administered by the SLD, Student Affairs.

7. Revision History

Date	Revision	Ver.
13 September 2024	Chair of the Board's Decision issued (#22 of 2024).	
22 August 2024	Approved by ARSAC (BOT).	5.0
13 August 2024	Responded to feedback from the ARSAC. Added 4.1.	
22 June 2023	Endorsed by the Executive Committee.	
29 May 2023	Endorsed by a joint session of the Provost's and Academic Councils.	
15 May 2023	Endorsed by the Deans' Council.	
13 February 2023	Minor revisions: • Clarified the administrative responsibility of the Student Leadership Dept. • Added 4.3 re: organizations must register with the SLD.	
30 January 2023	Administrative changes: • Updated the information header and related policy numbers. • Updated the policy number from ACA-STU-04 to ACA-STU-301.	
17 January 2022	No substantive changes required at this time. Approved by the Provost.	4.1
18 October 2016	Revisions approved by the University Council.	4.0
27 March 2012	Revised Policy approved by University Council.	3.0
April 2003	Revised policy approved.	2.0
1 October 2000	New policy approved.	1.0