Registered Student Organizations Handbook 2018-2019
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Notice:

The policies and procedures published in this handbook may not be the most current version. Please either check with the Center for Student Involvement (westga.edu/csi) or UWG's policy page (westga.edu/policy) for the most current version. If you have questions about a policy/procedure, you may need to contact the department that oversees the content.
Center for Student Involvement

MISSION STATEMENT: The Center for Student Involvement aspires to actively engage every student in the University and greater community. We enhance the student experience and provide leadership development through a variety of programs, activities, and services, which contribute to the vibrancy of campus life.

The Center for Student Involvement offers a number of programs and services to fulfill its mission. CSI seeks to be the ultimate connection to student life for UWG students. The Center for Student Involvement oversees Campus Activities, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Government Association, Student Leadership Development Programs, Student Volunteer Programs, and Student Organizations. The Center is responsible for advisement of the following groups:

- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- Panhellenic Council (CPC)
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)
- Student Activities Council (SAC)
- Leadership Advisory Board (LAB)
- Order of Omega (Greek Honor Society)
- Rho Lambda (Panhellenic Honor Society)
- Involvement Ambassadors

Events such as the Welcome Back Blast, Homecoming, LEAD Weekend, the BIG event, and Spring Fling are just a few of the activities sponsored by these groups. CSI also provides workshops, lectures and cultural programs throughout the year. Below is a list of services provided by the department.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Campus Activities provides students with a variety of programming opportunities to connect with students, alumni, and faculty and staff throughout the year. Our programs range from traditional events such as Homecoming and Weeks of Welcome to weekly events by the Student Activities Council as well as weekend events and major concerts.

COMMUTER PROGRAMS

Commuter programs include the Commuter Student Association, Commuter Lounge and Commuter Assistants, and welcome events at the beginning of each semester. The Commuter Lounge is located on the lower level of Strozier Hall.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

The Center for Student Involvement provides advisement and consultation to all of the nationally recognized social fraternities and sororities and their governing bodies, which are the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, National Multicultural Greek Council, National APIA Panhellenic Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and Panhellenic Council. CSI assists all groups in recruitment, membership intake, and organizational development.
LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS
Student leadership is greatly emphasized in many of the programs and services offered by the Center for Student Involvement. Lead West is a comprehensive leadership program that offers involvement, training and resources to all students seeking to strengthen their leadership skills. Some of these programs include Leadership to Go, Leadership Conference Grants, Lead Lunch, and Leadership in the Wilderness.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
The Center for Student Involvement coordinates the entire registration process for all student groups to become registered student organizations. Each group is afforded advisement, consultation, professional guidance, personal and/or organizational assistance.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS
The Center for Student Involvement provides students with a variety of volunteer opportunities in Carrollton and beyond. These projects are designed to foster a more civically engaged campus body through the promotion of self-discovery, leadership, and service. Our traditional programs include Monthly Giveback Days, Wolf-unteer Week, and The Big Event.

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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 101 DEFINITIONS
In these regulations, unless the context requires a different meaning,
(A) “advisor” means a member of the general faculty or administrative staff
who is recognized by the Center for Student Involvement to counsel
organizations;
(B) “class day” means any day on which classes are scheduled;
(C) “student” means a person enrolled in the University of West Georgia;
(D) “President” means President of the University of West Georgia;
(E) “president” means president of a student organization
(F) “Student Involvement” means the Center for Student Involvement which
is responsible for co-curricular activities;
(G) “university” means the University of West Georgia; and
(H) “university facility” means classrooms, auditoriums, residence halls, and
any other area of the campus.
(I) “SAEM” means the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Manage-
ment

CHAPTER II. CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

SEC. 201. JURISDICTION OVER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
The Center for Student Involvement in conjunction with SAEM exercises
jurisdiction over all registered student organizations and the organization
registration process.

SEC. 202. GENERAL DUTIES OF CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVE-
MENT
The Center for Student Involvement shall:
(A) review applications, rules, bylaws, and constitutions of all organizations
that apply for registration on campus.
(B) determine whether they meet the eligibility requirements stipulated
in Chapter III, are active, and conduct their affairs in accordance with
regulations and administrative rules, and
(C) the Center for Student Involvement may determine that the organization
does not meet the registration criteria and if re-registering be removed
from the list of registered organizations.

CHAPTER III. REGISTRATION

SEC. 301. REGISTRATION
(A) An organization or group may be registered if its actions or activities are
in accordance with the educational purpose and mission of the univer-
sity, and it meets the terms of Sections 302, 303, and 404.
SEC. 302. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
Membership is limited to those individuals that are affiliated with the University of West Georgia. A group is eligible for registration if:
(A) its membership is limited
   1. to students (85%); and
   2. to faculty and staff (15%);
   3. is not an auxiliary group (i.e. Little Sisters, Big-Brothers)
   4. and has at least five members
(B) membership practices do not violate university, state, or federal laws or guidelines;
(C) it has a full time faculty/administrative staff advisor;
(D) it is not under disciplinary penalty prohibiting registration;
(E) it conducts its affairs in accordance with university regulation and administrative rules;
(F) its purposes are in accordance with the stated purposes and goals of the university.

SEC. 303. APPLICATION
A group shall apply to register in a manner prescribed by the Center for Student Involvement. Information required for registration through OrgSync includes:
(A) the name and a local mailing address of the proposed organization;
(B) the name and electronic signature of its president and advisor;
(C) agreement of the university hazing policy;
(D) a copy of its constitution, bylaws, charter, and its purpose statement;
(E) agreement of the Civil Rights/Title IX statement;
(F) agreement of the university alcohol policy;
(G) a roster of all current members;
(H) a listing of last year’s activities;
(I) an organizational e-mail address
(J) other application information required by the Center for Student Involvement.

SEC. 304. ACTION ON APPLICATION
(A) In considering an application, the Center for Student Involvement shall register the organization unless it is ineligible under Section 302.
(B) The Center for Student Involvement shall notify an organization in writing as to the acceptance of registration.

SEC. 305. UNACCEPTED REGISTRATION
(A) If registration is denied the organization may petition in writing the Center for Student Involvement, requesting him/her to grant registration provided they have met all the requirements set forth in Section 301, 302, 303, 402.
(B) If registration is denied, and upon request of the organization, the Director shall furnish it with a copy of a written statement of the reasons for refusal.
(C) If registration is again denied, the organization may file an appeal with the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.
CHAPTER IV. RIGHTS AND DUTIES

SEC. 401. RECOGNITION AND ACTIVITIES
A registered organization is entitled:
(A) to be listed as a student organization;
(B) to sponsor or present a public performance on university property when:
   1. a university facility has been properly reserved; and
   2. university regulations and administrative rules are followed;
(C) to raise funds or make other permissible solicitations on university property in accordance with university regulations and administrative rules;
(D) to reserve the use of university facilities;
(E) to post signs and distribute literature in accordance with university regulations;
(F) to use campus mail services.

SEC. 402. MEMBERSHIP
Membership practices cannot violate university, state, or federal laws or guidelines.

SEC. 403. MEETINGS
(A) An organization shall give its members and advisors reasonable advance notice of its meetings.
(B) An organization shall conduct its meetings in accordance with its charter and constitution.

SEC. 404. REQUIREMENTS
(A) Every student organization shall furnish to the Center for Student Involvement at the beginning of each Fall Semester a complete list of officers (including a local mailing address and UWG e-mail address) and any members of the organization who are authorized to receive official notices, e-mails, directives, or information from the university. Such lists shall be kept current and accurate throughout the year by the organization, and it shall be presumed that officers and members whose names appear on the list most recently filed are authorized to speak for and represent the organization in its relations with the university. Officers must be enrolled students. Organizations will also furnish a list of members and of the past year’s activities.
(B) University Police official(s) will be required for large scale events which are open to the public or have unrestricted access. Organizations must complete the Large Events Policy and Procedure form for any large event.
(C) Organizations shall follow all university policies and procedures as outlined in the Conduct Code for Student Organizations.
(D) Social Greek Organizations shall follow all policies and procedures included in the Fraternity and Sorority Life Organization Handbook.
CONDUCT CODE AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations may be charged with violations of the Student Code of Conduct and the Conduct Code for Student Organizations. (The term “student organization” means a number of people who have complied with University requirements for registration.) A student organization and its officers may be held collectively and/or individually responsible when violations of these codes occur. Violations may be made by those associated with the organization, by those who have received the indirect or direct consent or encouragement of the organization. Violations may be made by an organizations leaders, officers, or spokespersons or other members associated with the organization. Individuals charged with code of conduct violations arising out of their affiliation with student organizations shall have their cases settled according to procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Organizations should realize that they may be held accountable through the university conduct e system for their behavior, whether on or off campus, when an offense is directed at the university, a member of the university community, campus visitor, or another student organization and is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct or the Registered Student Organization Code of Conduct. The officers, leaders or any identifiable spokespersons for a student organization may be directed by the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, their designee, and/or an advisor or university official acting on his/ her behalf, to take appropriate action designed to prevent or end violations of this code by the organization or by any persons associated with the organization who can reasonably be said to be acting in its behalf. Failure to make reasonable efforts to comply with the directives of University employees and/or official advisors acting in the scope of their responsibilities shall be considered a violation of this code, both by the officers, leaders or spokespersons for the organization and by the organization itself. Organizations may be interimly suspended pending the outcome of an investigation or hearing.

Conduct action directed towards student organizations shall be afforded according to procedures published annually by the Center for Student Involvement and distributed to all registered student organizations.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The following misconduct is subject to conduct action. Attempts to commit acts prohibited by this code shall be dealt with in the same manner as completed violations.

1.00 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction of property owned or rented by the University, its student organizations, the faculty, staff, or the Carrollton community and its individual residents.

2.00 DISORDERLY CONDUCT
.01 Obstructing the free movement of other students about the campus,
interfering with the use of University facilities, or preventing the normal operation of the University.

.02 Acting in a manner which can reasonably be expected to disturb the academic pursuits, or infringe upon the privacy, rights, privileges, health or safety of students or the University community.

.03 Intentionally harassing others. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, threatening, intimidating, verbally abusing, impeding, telephoning, following or persistently bothering or annoying.

.04 Physical assault, including sexual assault.

.05 Engaging in obscene or indecent conduct.

.06 Failure to comply with administrative policies enacted by the University.

.07 Failure to comply with the directions of University officials or authorized agents acting in the performance of their duties.

3.00 THEFT, DISREGARD FOR PROPERTY

.01 Theft of property or services belonging to other individuals or organizations.

.02 Maintaining possession of property belonging to individuals or other organizations.

4.00 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Violations of the University Alcohol Policies, Student Conduct Code, including but not limited to:

.01 Furnishing or causing to be furnished any alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal drinking age.

.02 Sale of alcohol.

.03 Furnishing or causing to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person in a state of noticeable intoxication.

.04 Unauthorized manufacture, distribution or possession for purposes of distribution of any controlled substance or illegal drug.

.05 Use or possession of any illegal drug or controlled substance (without valid prescription).

5.00 UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY

Unauthorized entry, attempted entry, or remaining in restricted areas of University, organizational, or community facilities.

6.00 GAMBLING

Conducting, organizing or participating in any activity involving gambling in any form (including but not limited to calcuttas, raffles and lotteries).

7.00 HAZING

Hazing in any form. See the complete University policy and definitions on hazing on page 28.

8.00 FIRE SAFETY AND SANITATION

.01 Malicious or unwarranted tampering with or damage to fire safety equipment belonging to another student or organization, the University, or the Carrollton community.

.02 Causing, condoning, or encouraging the creation of any situation involving fire which reasonably may result in danger to individuals, The University of West Georgia, or the Carrollton community.
.03 Possession or use of incendiary devices, dangerous explosives, or illegal fireworks.

.04 Failure to maintain a student organization’s facilities or property (or surrounding property) so as to create a potential danger to the health and safety of the occupants or members of The University of West Georgia and Carrollton community.

.05 Fire Hazards including incense, candles, explosives, gasoline, potpourri burners, and incendiary devices of any kind are not permitted in campus facilities unless approved in writing by Director of Auxiliary Services and Risk Management.

9.00 FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS/INFORMATION
Providing false, misleading, or incomplete information to any University official or office or falsification of any University documents related to an organization’s events or activities.

10.00 SOCIAL EVENTS
.01 Crowd size which exceeds such limits so as to infringe upon the rights of others or endanger those in attendance.

.02 Failure to provide adequate parking so that vehicles are impeding the normal flow of traffic, parked illegally, or parked on private property without proper authorization.

.03 Failure to provide adequate security personnel or other security measures in order to insure the safety of those in attendance.

.04 Conducting any event which interferes with the normal progress of academic events or other University activities.

11.00 NATIONAL POLICIES
Failure to adhere to policies of their national organizations/headquarters, governing bodies (i.e., NPHC, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, etc.).

12.00 STUDENT CONDUCT CODE
Violations of the University Student Conduct Code.

13.00 PUBLISHED UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS
Violation of university regulations or policies, as approved and published by various units of the university. These include the university policy prohibiting sexual harassment, the university tailgating policy, and policies administered by the Center for Student Involvement, Housing and Residence Life and the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

14.00 VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND/OR STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL LAW.

15.00 NATIONAL REVOCATION
Revocation of recognition/chartor, suspension or denial of recognition/chartor by the organization’s national office or headquarters

16.00 HUMAN AUCTIONS
All human auctions, or any other programs that exploit the human body, condones behaviors commensurate with slavery, or prostitution, are banned.
17.00 FUNCTIONING AS AN ORGANIZATION IN VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS.

.01 Failure to cease the operations of an organization after suspension by the University and/or national organization

.02 Individuals continuing to recruit members, host functions, or act in the name of the organization

.03 Recruiting students as an “off campus” organization, an “underground” organization, or an unofficial organization, or to be seen as any of the above by any reasonable person, after suspension or without registration, if registration is required by Chapter III.

CASE REFERRALS

Any person, including students, faculty and staff, who has information regarding what may be considered a regulation violation may file a complaint with the Director of the Center for Student Involvement or the Office of Student Conduct. Each complaint shall contain a statement of facts outlining each alleged act of misconduct. The reporter will normally be expected to participate in proceedings conducted to resolve the case.

A student organization may be subject to conduct action if one or more of the following is true:

1. An offense is alleged to have been committed by one or more members of an organization and is sanctioned by or participated in by an officer of the organization.

2. An offense is alleged to have been committed by one or more members of an organization and organizational funds are used to finance the venture.

3. An offense is alleged to have been committed by one or more members of an organization and is related to an organizational process or function. These include, but are not limited to, recruitment, initiation and pledgeship.

4. An offense is alleged to have occurred as a result of a function sponsored by a student organization.

5. An offense is alleged to have been committed by one or more members of an organization and is supported by a substantial number of the organization’s membership.

PROCEDURES

When a student organization is charged with violation of the Student Organizational Conduct Code, disposition of the student organization’s case shall follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Staff members in the Office of Student Conduct and/or the Center for Student Involvement will investigate referrals and determine if alleged conduct charges should be filed.

2. Written notices of the charges will be given to the President or an official representative of the organization.

3. The President or an official representative of the organization will be offered the opportunity to meet with a representative of the Office of Student Conduct to submit a plea to the charges and select the type of hearing. For minor violations, the Student Organization may be offered the opportunity to waive the right to a hearing in favor of an informal
conduct conference. Determination of the severity of the violation will be at the discretion of the student conduct officer.

4. The date, time and place of the hearing will be given to the President or an official representative of the organization. The notice of the hearing will be provided to the student organization at least five business days prior to the hearing. The hearing may be held in less than five days if there is a compelling reason to do so.

5. Student organization leaders participating in organizational conduct hearings are assured the following procedural safeguards:
   a. The right to written notice of the hearing and the specific charges against them.
   b. The right to provide evidence, call their own witnesses, and ask questions.
   c. The right to be present at the hearing without academic action resulting from class absence.
   d. The right to have an advisor present. This advisor may be the organization’s advisor as registered with the Center for Student Involvement or a member of the University or greater community chosen by members of the organization, or a representative of the organization’s Headquarters.
   e. The right of access to an audio tape recording.
   f. The right to appeal decisions and/or sanctions.

RESOLUTION OF CONDUCT CASES
Student organizations referred to the Office of Student Conduct shall be offered a choice of an Administrative Hearing or a Student Conduct/Ad Hoc Hearing, depending on what is most appropriate for the case. In cases with minor alleged violations, the student organization may be offered the opportunity for an informal Conduct Hearing.

AGENDA FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONDUCT COMMITTEE HEARINGS
1. Hearing officer calls the meeting to order and in cases of formal Hearings, explains that a tape recording is being made and asks that all present introduce themselves.
2. Hearing officer introduces the case by naming the organization respondent and listing the alleged violations of the Conduct Code for Student Organizations.
3. Hearing officer asks the Student Organization representative how the organization pleads to the alleged violations. The representative will then respond with a plea of responsible or not responsible to each alleged violation.
4. A representative of the University will present the case and supporting evidence, including calling witnesses. Board members and the organization representative may ask questions of the university representative and of each witness.
5. The representative of the organization presents the organization’s case and supporting evidence, including calling witnesses. Board members and the University representative may ask questions of the representative and of each witness.
6. The University representative and the organization representative are given an opportunity to make closing statements.
7. Hearing officer adjourns the hearing, which is followed by a period of discussion and deliberation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**
The Dean of Students or a designated administrator conducts these hearings following the above guidelines.

**AD HOC BOARD HEARINGS**
Such boards may be appointed by the Dean of Students or his or her designee when the University is unable to obtain a quorum or is otherwise unable to hear the cases in a timely manner. Each ad hoc board shall be composed of a minimum of three members including at least one student. Ad hoc boards recommend outcomes to the Dean of Students.

**INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS**
Conduct regulations at the University are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. The regulations should be read broadly and are not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms.

**INHERENT AUTHORITY**
The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community and any members of that community.

**SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**
Student organizations are responsible at all times for any violations of University regulations by their guests. Student organizational members who knowingly act in concert to violate University regulations may be held individually and jointly responsible, along with their respective student organizations. Members of student organizations who knowingly condone, encourage, or require behavior which violates University regulations may be held individually and jointly responsible, along with their respective organizations.

**LEGAL COUNSEL/ADVISORS**
Individual students appearing in organizational conduct hearings may be accompanied by legal counsel or an advisor. The role of counsel/advisor in the meeting shall be limited to consulting with the individual student. Students who will be accompanied by an advisor must inform the Office of Student Conduct in writing at least two business days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. An advisor may be an attorney.

**CONDUCT SANCTIONS**
The following measures are conduct sanctions which may be required of a student organization if found responsible for a violation of student organization regulations. This list is not exhaustive or in order of severity and may be enlarged or modified to meet particular circumstances.
1. Recommendation for Charter Revocation - An official request to a national office that the local chapter’s charter be revoked.
2. Revocation of University Registration - Permanent severance of the organization’s relationship with UWG.
3. Suspension of University Registration - Temporary severance of the organization’s relationship with UWG for a specified period of time. The period of time is to be specified in the decision of the hearing body.
4. Restitution - Reimbursement for a loss caused by the organization’s actions.
5. Community Service - Assignment to work a specific number of hours of community service.
6. Restrictions - Restriction of some or all of the organization’s activities or privileges, including, but not limited to, social functions and rush privileges. Social restrictions placed on organizations may vary, based on the nature of the offense.
7. Written Reprimand - A written statement of disapproval delivered to the organization.
8. Probationary Status - Probationary status is defined as a period of time during which the organization cannot violate any policies (including those of the University, its national organization, or local governing bodies). Violation of probation will normally result in more severe sanctions.
9. Educational - Alcohol awareness programs, risk management programs, etc.

**APPEALS**
Requests for appeals must be in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management within three business days. Appeals must be specific and detailed as to the nature and substance of the student organization’s complaint and must clearly indicate what action is requested. Cases will not be reheard on appeal, but rather will be decided based upon the record of the original proceeding. Mere dissatisfaction with the decision is not grounds for an appeal. If the organization wishes to appeal further it may submit an appeal request in writing to the President of the University within 2 business days of the Vice President’s decision. The President may appoint a committee or utilize the services of an existing committee to review the case and make a recommendation regarding the appeal. The President’s decision shall be final insofar as the institution is concerned.

**RECORD RETENTION**
Student organization conduct files are kept in perpetuity. Additionally, as the cases are filed against organizations and not individuals, information about the cases may be shared, as deemed appropriate. Privacy of records that applies to individuals does not apply to student organization cases.
Policies and Guidelines

SECTION I

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POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

POSTING/DISPLAY POLICIES

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Departments and officially registered student organizations may post notices, handbills, non-commercial advertisements, and posters on the bulletin boards located in the following places: Martha Munro, UCC, Campus Center, TLC Building, Food Service Building (Z-6), the Education Center, Callaway, Social Science Building, Math-Physics Building, the Humanities Building, the Library, Biology, Geography, and Business Building.

2. Posting in residence halls must be approved by the Department of Housing and Residence Life.

3. Notices, handbills, posters, and banners are to be placed only on bulletin boards. They may not be taped to doors, windows, light posts or walls (interior or exterior of buildings), or stapled to trees or placed on cars. Large banners may be taped to the “Library Wall” or tied to the UCC railing. Nothing may be posted on the railings inside the UCC. Banners may be tied to railings outside the UCC after approval from CSI and Auxiliary Services.

4. Organizations desiring to post notices, flyers, posters, banners, etc. must have them approved by the Center for Student Involvement. Departments do not need approval to post flyers.

5. All materials must have the name of the sponsoring department/student organization and the date of the event clearly printed on all materials. All materials advertising social events must have beginning and ending times listed.

6. There is a two week maximum posting time unless approval is given for an extension by the Center for Student Involvement. NOTE: Some bulletin boards have been designated for use by certain organizations/departments. No other organization will be allowed to use these bulletin boards.

7. NO GLITTER. Flyers, posters, banners etc. with glitter will not be approved and should not be brought to the office.

8. Laminated materials will not be approved.

9. A maximum of thirty flyers may be posted by any organization at one time

10. “Your On-Campus Copy Center” is available for students and student organizations to send or bring print files for copying. A computer and printer are located in the lobby area for your use. Color copies cost 60 cents; black only, 10 cents. A variety of paper choices are available.

The following restrictions will apply to ALL registered student organizations.

A. All the materials to be posted or distributed by any registered student organization must be submitted for approval a minimum of 24 hours prior to the posting.

B. Due to limited posting space, each organization will be allowed to post
only in designated areas. Any registered student organization found in violation of the posting policies of UWG will be subject to the following. 

1st Violation - Student organization and advisor will receive a written warning. 
2nd Violation - Student organization will not be allowed to post on campus for one semester. 
3rd Violation - Student organization will be restricted from posting for one academic year.

II. POSTERS
1. Posters are defined as standard poster boards 11" x 17" or larger.
2. Placement of posters is restricted to bulletin boards and must be fastened with masking tape, tacks, or staples.

III. DISPLAYS
1. There are five display areas for student organizations on campus: the Campus Center, one outside and one inside the University Community Center, the steps of the Library, and the steps of the Humanities Building. Displays can include any group of posters, photographs, or other materials.
2. Use of the display area must be approved in advance (at least 48 hours) by the office reserving that space.
3. A member of the organization must be with the display at all times.

IV. HANDBILLS
1. Handbills are any printed matter 8 1/2" x 11" or smaller.
2. Handbills may be handed out on campus or, after approval, posted on bulletin boards.
3. Handbills may not be placed on cars.

V. BANNERS
1. Banners are defined as materials (paper, plastic, vinyl, etc.) that are larger than posters, but cannot exceed the size of the location.
2. Banners can be hung on the UCC railings or inside the Campus Center after approval from CSI. Auxiliary Services must also approve at UCC.

VI. POSTING BY OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS
1. Off-campus groups may ONLY distribute handbills (printed material 8 1/2"x 11" or smaller). Off campus groups/individuals may not post handbills, posters, flyers or any other material anywhere on the UWG campus, including but not limited to walls, doors, bulletin boards, sidewalks, cars, trees, etc.
2. Displays by non-campus groups are not permitted, unless they are vendors approved by Auxiliary Services and in accordance with the Advertising, Solicitation and Selling Policy.
3. Commercial advertising is not permitted.

VII. POSTING BY INDIVIDUALS
1. The privilege to post is extended to officially registered campus organizations and departments only. Individual posting is not allowed.
VIII. CHALKING GUIDELINES

1. It is permissible for University Departments and registered student organizations to chalk on designated university sidewalks. Those designated concrete sidewalks are in front of the Library, the Food Service Building (Z-6), the University Community Center, the quad area surrounded by the Pafford Social Sciences Building, the Boyd Math-Physics Building, the Humanities Building, TLC Building, on the walkway from the Library to the University Community Center, and in front of the Campus Center.

2. Only concrete walkways can be chalked. Absolutely no chalking on bricks, walls, floors or other surfaces, or outside of Residence Halls.

3. Chalking is to be done primarily to make announcements about departmental and organizational activities.

4. Spray chalk is not permitted.

IX. TABLE TENTS

While the University of West Georgia supports the First Amendment Right regarding the expression of freedom of speech, the university reserves the right to regulate Time, Place & Manner of expression. The following provisions and regulations shall apply to the posting of Table Tents on campus:

1. Only Registered Student Organizations and University Departments may put table tents on the tables at Z-6, UCC Market Fresh Deli, & Wolves Den Food Court.

2. Registered Student Organizations must have Table Tents pre-approved by the Center for Student Involvement.

3. Registered Student Organizations must present Table Tents intended for posting in food service locations to Auxiliary Services for final approval.

4. Registered Student Organizations may not place Table Tents on campus more than 3 times per semester.

5. Organizations are limited to one (1) Tent per Table at one time; not to exceed 75 at Z-6, 30 at UCC Market Fresh Deli, and 30 in the Wolves Den Food Court.

6. Table Tents will be limited in size to no more than 8½ x 14 paper folded into a trifold configuration.

7. All approved Table Tents must include the event Name, Time, Place, the Name of the Sponsoring Organization, date Table Tents posted and dates they expire.

8. All approved Table Tents must include a disclaimer stating that the views and opinions expressed on this communication piece do not necessarily reflect the position, nor have the endorsement of, the University of West Georgia.

9. No more than two (2) Student Organizations will be permitted to post Table Tents at dining locations at any one time.

10. Approved Table Tents are to be posted for no longer than seven (7) calendar days at a time; it is the posting organization’s responsibility to remove out-of-date Table Tents. Upon notification from Dine West or Auxiliary Services that a group has not removed the table
POLICY FOR ADVISORS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

All organizations are required to have at least one advisor who is a **full-time member** of the faculty or administrative staff of the University of West Georgia. In accepting the position of advisor of a student organization, the faculty or staff member should agree to be present at as many activities and meetings as possible.

The Center for Student Involvement has responsibility for approving campus organization advisors from the faculty or administrative staff. It is the responsibility of each student organization to submit the name of their advisor(s) through the registration application. CSI will, upon request, provide a list of full-time (monthly) faculty and staff who are interested in serving as an advisor.

Upon the resignation of an advisor, the organization will have 30 calendar days to obtain a new advisor. Organizations that do not obtain a new advisor within those 30 days will not be considered a registered organization until they obtain a new advisor.

**SELECTION HINTS**

Advisors should be able to attend as many organization meetings and events as possible. Advising is both beneficial and time consuming. Organizations should therefore attempt to find advisors who are not already working with more than two other student groups. This will assure the group more attention from its advisor and permit the benefits of advisorship to accrue to others on the faculty and staff.

If your organization meets frequently, which can be inconvenient to a single advisor, it is possible for that organization to have more than one advisor. In addition, if your organization is a specialized organization, you may wish to have an advisor, as well as instructors/coaches to assist you with your area of specialization. Roles, duties and functions of student organization advisors may include, but are not limited to: communication/university link, disciplinary, financial supervision, historian, interpretation of policy and governing documents, and leadership development.

**STAFF MEMBERS IN THE CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT, MAY NOT SERVE AS ADVISORS TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, UNLESS IT IS A PART OF THEIR POSITION DESCRIPTION OR OFFICIAL DUTIES. BECAUSE SOME ORGANIZATIONS ARE SPONSORED BY ADMINISTRATIVE OR ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AS A PART OF THEIR DEPARTMENTAL MISSION, ADVISORS MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE INSTITUTION.**

**POLICY ON THE RELEASE OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES FOR FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**

The Center for Student Involvement, in cooperation with the Registrar’s Office, will secure grade point averages for Social Greek organizations on a continuing basis.
Procedure
1. New members will be requested to sign a statement acknowledging the release of GPA and other information that might be requested by CSI and/or his/her specific organization during their New Member period. These statements will be kept on file in the Center for Student Involvement for the duration of the individual’s affiliation with the organization and will be terminated upon the graduation or disassociation of the individual.
2. Once the grade point averages have been secured by the Center for Student Involvement, the organization’s president will be contacted.
3. Individuals requesting and receiving grade point average information must be a current officer within his/her respective organization and must be listed on the organization’s OrgSync page.

Chapter Grade Point Average (GPA) Policy
1. In order for a social Greek organization to remain in good standing with the University, the chapter must maintain a 2.50 semester GPA during the fall and spring semester. If a Greek organization drops below a 2.50 semester GPA, then the organization will be placed on social restriction for the following semester.
2. The first semester a chapter falls below the standard, the chapter will be placed on social probation. The only events that the chapter may participate in are the organizational meetings/ceremonies, membership recruitment, and philanthropic events. The chapter may not participate in or sponsor any social events, including step shows and homecoming events.
3. If for a second consecutive semester, the chapter fails to meet the minimum University standard of a 2.50 semester GPA, the chapter may not participate in or sponsor any social functions for the following semester (same as above) homecoming or intramural sports. The chapter may not participate in or sponsor any social events, including step shows and Greek Week. Your chapter will need to submit an academic performance plan and review with Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.
4. If the chapter continues to fall below the standard of a 2.50 semester GPA, it then runs the risk of being removed from campus and/or receiving other sanctions.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL GREEKS
To participate in Recruitment, or Intake, students must have a minimum of a 2.0 UWG adjusted GPA from high school, if a first-time university student, or a 2.0 University GPA based on at least 12 hours of non-developmental University work, if a UWG or transfer student.
However, each chapter has their own minimum requirements which might be higher than the university minimum. For example, some Panhellenic and IFC organizations cannot extend membership to students who have below a 2.20 UWG adjusted GPA while others might have a higher GPA requirement, up to a 2.7 GPA. The average NPHC required GPA is a 2.5; however, some also require a higher GPA.
Students must maintain full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours for fall and spring, 9 for summer) during their member periods.
The Center for Student Involvement administers these policies. If you have questions about them or would like to receive a copy of the complete policy governing Greek Organizations, contact the Center for Student Involvement in the Campus Center.

**POLICY CONCERNING AUXILIARY GROUPS**

1. No registered student organization may sponsor or support an auxiliary group in any form. An auxiliary group is defined as a supplemental group to an organization in which, for whatever reason, the participants are ineligible to become full members of that organization. These include, but are not limited to, the following: little sisters, big brothers, favorites, Stardusters, Diamonds, Pearls, friends of the chapter, Sweethearts, Doves, Rush Hostesses, etc.

2. Student organizations may not give out jerseys, t-shirts, etc. to any non-members that would imply auxiliary membership to that group. This includes the giving of jerseys to sorority women which denote the sorority’s letters but in the fraternity’s colors or vice versa. The following exceptions apply:
   A. T-shirts given that commemorate a specific event (i.e. social, philanthropy, etc.)
   B. The individual was chosen as that organization’s sole sweetheart (i.e. fraternity sweetheart, “Dagger Man”, etc.) or homecoming representative.

3. Composites of an organization may only contain active members, advisors and a sole Sweetheart/Beau. Organizations may not have special composites made featuring non-members of the organization.

4. Under no circumstances will recruitment activity be held to recruit individuals for auxiliary organizations. This includes recruiting non-members to do things for the organization in exchange for some type of recognition.

5. Individuals who affiliate with auxiliary groups are also in violation of this policy and can be referred to the student discipline system.

**UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA CAMPUS ADVERTISING, SALES AND SOLICITATION POLICY**

The Chief Business Officer has established procedures for compliance with the Sales, Advertising, and Solicitation Policy. Some of the requirements follow.

**Definitions:**

**Advertising** – announcements or messages intended to persuade members of a target market or audience to purchase or use products, services, organizations, or ideas including First Amendment protected speech. All forms of advertising used on campus must be approved by the Chief Business Officer or his/her designee, to include:

**Direct Advertising** – documented information that promotes a service or product (e.g. Post cards, newspapers, magazines, flyers, electronic distributions, etc.)

**Indirect Advertising** – an unwritten methodology that promotes a service or product (e.g. distribution of product samples, human billboards, open-air preaching, etc)
Advisor – faculty, staff, or alumni who are assigned to a student or a student organization for the purposes of mentoring and assisting the student or organization with requirements related to academic programs or university events

Affiliated Organization – as defined by the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Policy 17.1; includes University of West Georgia Foundation, University of West Georgia Real Estate Foundation, and the University of West Georgia Athletic Foundation.

Approved Contracts – those contractual agreements that have been submitted through the designated University procurement or review processes and include all of the required signatures.

Authorized Events - activities that are approved by the appropriate University officials, and are characterized by the rental of university facilities or space and the congregation of students, faculty, staff, or guests for student services events, including, but not limited to University athletic or academic purposes. NOTE: Transactions conducted by Academic, Student, or University units for purposes directly related to academic or athletic instruction are not considered Auxiliary Services but would be considered Authorized Events, and therefore are not subject to these requirements. However, recurring transactions of a similar nature MUST be approved by the President or designee as required by Board of Regents Policy Section 8.2.15.1. Please refer to the Dean of the College or the Provost for any requirements related to such transactions.

Auxiliary Services – “an activity that exists to provide a service directly or indirectly to students, faculty or staff, and for which a fee is charged that is related to, but not necessarily equal to, the cost of the service” – includes housing, food services, stores, health services, transportation and parking, etc. See, Board of Regents Business Procedures Manual, Section 15, Introduction.

Business Activity – includes any undertaking of an individual or group which encompasses the production, sale, and distribution of products or services. The sale and distribution of products and services includes any method of marketing through direct or indirect selling. This includes any promotional literature.

Charitable Organization – a non-profit, tax exempt organization that devotes all resources to philanthropic and social goals serving the public interest or common good; for students and student organizations, the Advisor will review the charitable organization’s documentation to determine if it meets this definition for purposes of these Procedures; in all other situations, the Vice President of University Advancement or his/her designee will make the final decision as to whether an organization meets the definition for the purposes of these Procedures.

Chief Business Officer – shall be used interchangeably with the Vice President of Business and Finance unless the University has designated otherwise in its Organizational Chart

Commercial – related to the buying or selling of goods and services for profit
Cooperative Organization – for purposes of these Procedures, see definition for Affiliated Organization


Electronic Mail Distribution List - any list service or application that distributes electronic messages to UWG employees or students (using the “westga.edu” extension, including but not limited to, “All Faculty” and “All Staff”

Foundation – for purposes of these Procedures, see definition of “Affiliated Organization”

Fundraising – the solicitation or collection of contributions (cash or of other value)

Newspapers/Magazines – a publication issued at regular intervals, and commonly containing news, comment, features, and advertising; for the purposes of these Procedures, UWG reserves the right to limit the placement or sale of publications that do not advance its educational mission.

Non-Affiliated – any individual, business, or organization that is not authorized by Board of Regents or University of West Georgia policies for purposes related to the mission of the University

Non-commercial written materials- pamphlets, handbills, circulars, newspapers, magazines and other materials that support University events or are otherwise protected by the First Amendment.

Raffles/Prize Drawings – as defined by O.C.G.A. § 16.12.22.1, “any scheme or procedure whereby one or more prizes are distributed by chance among persons who have paid or promised consideration for a chance to win such prize. Such term shall also include door prizes which are awarded to persons attending meetings or activities provided that the cost of admission to such meetings or activities does not exceed the usual cost of similar activities where such prizes are not awarded”

Sales – an exchange of mutual benefit among parties; for the purposes of these Procedures, “Sales” means an exchange of money for goods or services

Solicitation – the act of seeking an exchange of mutual benefit among parties; includes, but is not limited to, actions seeking attendance at venues, cash contributions, purchase of goods or services including First Amendment protected speech

Sponsorship – the payment of costs or benefits in return for the right to conduct business

Student Conduct Code – for the purposes of these Procedures, the UWG Student Conduct Code as found under the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and as carried out by the Dean of Students

University Unit – For the purpose of this policy a University Unit includes academic departments, class-related events (e.g. practicum), staff organizations, and similarly organized University groups

UWG Campus – for purposes of this Policy and Procedures, “UWG Campus” refers to all University of West Georgia facilities, grounds, equipment, instructional sites, centers, and real estate that are owned by, or under the control, of the University.
ADVERTISING on Campus.
Advertising is only allowed for Authorized Events, and must follow these procedures:
1. Any commercial business advertising by or through students on the campus of the University of West Georgia must be coordinated and approved through the office of Auxiliary Services.
2. Non-commercial written materials, including petitions for signature, maybe distributed on a person to person basis in the designated open areas; which are, the Quad and outside the University Community Center, Library, and Food Service Building. It may also be distributed at least 20 feet from outside of buildings provided the distribution does not block access to University buildings or disrupt classes or educational activities. Any written material that is not distributed or is discarded in the visual area of the person(s) distributing the material shall be removed by the person(s) distributing the materials upon departure from the area. University Police, the Risk Manager, the Senior Vice President of Auxiliary Services, or the President reserve the right to move or stop the distribution based upon issues of significant safety concerns, which may include threats of violence or significant impediment to traffic. For safety purposes, the University highly recommends that the persons distributing materials seek advice from Risk Management and the University Police prior to distributing materials.
3. The location of advertising must be approved by the AVP of Auxiliary Services.
4. No drop (bulk) delivery or unattended distribution is allowed.
5. Any distribution of advertising or non-commercial written materials that fail to meet these requirements could result in a student Conduct Code violation or referral to the University police for violation of Georgia’s Criminal Code regarding posting of materials without consent.

SALES on Campus or at University Events.
1. Students participating in a practicum or class related event will follow the procedures for Academic Units.
2. Students and student organizations may raise funds for a Charitable Organization with a valid tax exemption letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue System or for the use of an academic department or a registered student organization. Co-sponsorship with a non-affiliated University organization of any form, or at any level, is strictly prohibited.
3. Sales by students or a student organization that receive Student Activity Fee Budget Allocation (SAFBA) funding must be conducted entirely through a recognized student organization, utilizing that organization’s student account for any collection of funds. Funds raised must be deposited to and accounted for through the student organization’s University revenue account.
4. Student organizations that are not SAFBA funded may possess an external bank account provided it does not reference the University of West Georgia name or derivative thereof.
5. Student organizations must contact the Department of Auxiliary Services to request authorization for a sale, and must submit a completed
Fundraiser Approval Form prior to the initiation of any sales or set up on campus.

6. The Executive Director of Dine West or his designee must approve all food sales.

7. Student organizations are required to adhere to any additional Department of Auxiliary Services requirements regarding sales and fundraising.

8. *The West Georgian* is expressly allowed to sell advertising space within any guidelines established for that student run organization.

9. Additional Requirements

Auxiliary Services is the institutional unit authorized by the Board of Regents to conduct sales of goods and services on campus (i.e., textbooks, University merchandise, food services, printing, etc.). See, Board of Regents Business Procedures Manual, Section 15. Although most sales will be authorized through contractual arrangements with vendors, all other sales (including sales to benefit charitable organizations) must be submitted to and approved by the Senior Vice President of Auxiliary Services. The following sales may also require additional approvals:

- **a. Raffle Tickets for Cash Awards or Prizes:**
  Raffle tickets for cash awards or prizes require the approval of the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office and the Advisor (for students or student organizations) or Vice President of University Advancement or his/her designee (for employees).

- **b. “All Faculty,” “All Staff,” or other Electronic Mail Distribution Lists:**
  Sales or solicitation through Electronic Mail Distribution Lists for personal goods or services that result in the exchange of money or cash donations is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Vice President of University Advancement or his/her designee in consultation with the Chief Business Officer.

**SOLICITATION/SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING on Campus or at University Events.**

Solicitations for cash contributions by students through sales activities are permitted as set forth above. Fundraising events on campus that do not involve the sales of goods or services may be permitted in limited circumstances as approved by the Advisor, Provost or the University of West Georgia’s Cooperative Organizations.

Sponsorships for student activities (eg. Intramurals, SGA, registered student organizations, etc.), may include long- or short-term print opportunities, signage, game and event promotions, and apparel advertising.

**PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL SPONSORED SALES**

1. Individuals or businesses wishing to do sales or solicitations must contact the Office of Auxiliary Services in the University Community Center (678-839-6525) to be approved in advance.

2. Commercial activities will be limited to the courtyard area outside the University Community Center and are subject to space availability and must adhere to University System of Georgia’s guidelines and policies.

3. Sales require the following:
   - **a. A valid State of Georgia Occupational Tax Certificate.**
It will be the intent of the university to make a photo copy of the Certificate, along with the representative’s driver’s license to be retained on file. At its sole option, the university may ask the Department of University Police to verify the status of any vendor on campus.

4. The Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services will grant or deny permission upon documentation of item 3 (a) and upon confirmation of the availability of appropriate sales space.

5. A fee of $50 per day or 10% of gross sales, whichever is greater, payable to the University of West Georgia is required. This fee shall be paid in the Auxiliary Services office.

6. Sales or solicitation in direct competition with the auxiliary operations of the university are prohibited.

7. Off-campus groups will be limited to a one-day sale or solicitation per semester. The period will be between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday -Friday. No sales or solicitations are allowed during the first two weeks of each semester.

8. Vendors must be prepared to provide their own table(s), chair(s), and extension cords to display their products. At its sole option, the university may provide limited assistance.

9. Newspapers may be sold through coin-operated vending racks approved by and at locations designated by the Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services or his designee. Only one rack per newspaper may normally be placed at each authorized location, and any exception to this must be approved by the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services. Newspapers may also be given away by placing information on designated information tables at the University Community Center. Newspapers may be given away through totally enclosed vending racks approved by and at locations designated by the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services. Newspapers may be given away through approved readership programs and using appropriate newspaper racks approved by and at locations designated by the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, and in consultation with appropriate Division Vice President(s).

10. Distribution or sale of newspapers shall not be made in buildings or closed areas on campus except as provided by this regulation. Subscription solicitation is governed by the Solicitation section of this policy.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

Georgia law requires that individuals be 21 years of age or older in order to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. The University of West Georgia enforces this law. For additional information on a students personal responsibility regarding alcoholic beverages, see the Student Code of Conduct. The university’s complete alcoholic beverage policy is available at www.westga.edu/policy
ALCOHOL USE GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A sponsoring organization and its officers may be held legally accountable for incidents arising from the misuse of alcoholic beverages, including consumption by persons not 21 years of age or older. The following guidelines should be followed when an organization permits alcoholic beverages to be brought to a function off campus grounds. Student organizations planning to sponsor events off campus where alcoholic beverages will be consumed are asked to meet with a member of the Center for Student Involvement staff annually to discuss legal problems and other concerns related to such events.

1. Events utilizing alcoholic beverages should be in accordance with all laws. The officers of the organization sponsoring the event are responsible for seeing that all members and guests comply with applicable laws and university policies.
2. The organization should emphasize that participants should not drink and drive.
3. Non-alcoholic beverages should be made available. Food should always be served when alcohol is present. These should be high protein items (e.g. cheese & crackers, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). If popcorn and peanuts are served they should be unsalted.
4. Intoxicated individuals should not be served. Non-drinking individuals should be in attendance to monitor the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Alternatives to drinking should be offered. Diversions should be available (dancing, television, etc.)
6. The organization should stop guests from consuming alcoholic beverages at least one hour before the function ends.
7. No contest involving alcohol should be encouraged.
8. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access, that are structured around the consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
9. The organization and its members should not force drinks upon their guests.
10. Fraternities, sororities, and other organizations should develop and support programs that seek to educate members on alcohol awareness.

UWG MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY

Purpose of the Policy

- UWG encourages the responsible use of alcohol. The Medical Amnesty Policy encourages all students to make responsible decisions in life-threatening situations that result from alcohol or other drug use and to seek medical attention for anyone who is in danger due to intoxication or blood alcohol poisoning.
- Medical Amnesty applies only to alcohol or other drug-related medical emergencies but does not apply to other situations, which also include prohibited conduct such as assault, property damage or distribution of illegal substances.
• In cases where an individual or organization fails to seek emergency medical assistance when risk of harm is clearly indicated, formal judicial action may be taken against the individual(s) or organization,
• The University of West Georgia enforces state law prohibiting the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21. The Medical Amnesty applies only to the UWG Student Conduct Code and does not in any way prohibit law enforcement personnel from enforcing the laws of the State of Georgia. However, in cases where law enforcement personnel are involved, an act of responsibility may be considered favorably and may mitigate possible consequences.

Students in need of medical assistance
• When an individual student receives emergency medical attention that is directly related to the consumption of alcohol, the Dean of Students or his or her designee has the discretion to refer the student for an alcohol assessment or substance abuse related counseling in lieu of charging the student with a violation of the Conduct Code.
• Parents of students under 21 years of age may be notified in accordance with the University’s alcohol and substance abuse policy.

Students seeking assistance for others
• UWG students are encouraged to look safeguard their own health and welfare, as well as that of fellow students. Students are sometimes reluctant to request assistance due to possible disciplinary action. To remove this barrier and to encourage students to make responsible decisions regarding medical assistance in alcohol or other drug related emergencies, the UWG Medical Amnesty policy is enacted.
• When a student seeks emergency assistance on behalf of persons who may be experiencing alcohol or drug related emergencies, the Dean of Students or his or her designee has the discretion to allow all students to participate in an educational program, in lieu pursuing charges for a violation of the UWG Student Conduct Code.

Student Organizations
• When representatives of a student organization seek emergency medical assistance on behalf of persons experiencing alcohol or other drug related emergencies, the Dean of Students or his or her designee has the discretion to require the organization to participate in an appropriate educational program, in lieu of being charged with violations of UWG alcohol policies.

HAZING POLICY:
The University of West Georgia (UWG) forbids hazing both on and off campus. This procedure applies to all UWG students, including school organizations, clubs, societies, fraternities, sororities, or a group living together that has principal members.
A. Definition of Hazing
Hazing - Any action or situation, with or without the consent of the participant(s), which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, which requires the student to engage activity that constitutes a potential violations of the Student Code or applicable law, or adversely affects a student's academic performance. Specific actions and situations which may be considered to be hazing include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Misuse of alcohol
- Paddling in any form
- Any physical activity or positioning designed to create excessive fatigue, physical exhaustion, physical injury, or that places the student in a hazardous, dangerous, or unwanted situation
- Physical and psychological shock
- Requiring students to appear in public wearing any apparel (or lack thereof) or item that is designed to embarrass or otherwise is inappropriate to the situation
- Public stunts and buffoonery
- Morally degrading or humiliating games and activities
- Nudity at any time
- Tasks of personal servitude
- Required attendance at any session or meeting which interferes with scholastic activities or requirements
- Creating loud noises or other activities which disturb the community
- Temporary or permanent physical disfigurements or cosmetic changes
- Forcing or requiring the eating of food or any other substance
- Activities or actions that require or include theft or other illegal practices
- Any activities which are not consistent with laws, rituals, or policies of national organizations or the regulations and policies of The University of West Georgia

B. Prevention
Each and every organization has the responsibility for informing its membership, both old and new, of any important university policies/procedures including those on hazing. All UWG organizations are responsible for the actions of its visiting members, friends, and/or alumni who will be subject to the same behavioral standards and policies as members of the organizations.

These policies apply to interest groups, pledges, associate member classes, and generally any activity associated with any student group. Each organization must file a signed copy of the University Hazing Policy with the Center for Student Involvement each year. If a copy is not filed, university disciplinary action may be taken.

C. Reporting a Hazing Violation
All members of the University community are strongly encouraged to report
suspected instances of hazing to the Office of the Dean of Students, the Center for Student Involvement (678-839-6526) and/or the UWG Police (678-839-6000).

D. University as the Complainant
All reports of hazing are investigated to determine whether there is sufficient basis to believe that a violation of the Student Code of Conduct may have occurred. Based on this review, the Dean of Students may choose to initiate charges, not initiate charges, or dismiss a case administratively if the claim does not appear to be supported by the facts. If charges are initiated, the University will serve as the complainant throughout the student judicial process.

IMPLEMENTATION
Each and every organization has the responsibility for informing its membership, both old and new, of any important university policies including those on hazing. All University of West Georgia organizations are responsible for the actions of all visiting members, friends, and/or alumni who will be subject to the same behavioral standards and policies as members of the organizations.
Student Involvement staff members will assist in the proper implementation of these policies. Complaints and charges of violations will be investigated, and if substantiated, appropriate action will be taken.
It is possible for individuals or organizations or both to be held responsible in the event these policies are violated. Violations may result in university disciplinary action and/or legal action through the courts. University disciplinary action may include the withdrawal of university recognition from offending organizations through referral to the Conduct Code and conduct procedures for student organizations.
NOTE: These policies apply to interest groups, pledges, associate member classes, and generally any activity associated with any student group. Each organization must file a signed copy of the University Hazing Policy with the Center for Student Involvement each year. If a copy is not filed, university disciplinary action may be taken.

State Of Georgia Hazing Law
16-5-61 HAZING
(A) As used in the Code Section, the term:
(1) “Haze” means to subject a student to an activity which endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of the student, regardless of the student willingness to participate in such activity.
(2) “School” means any school, college, or university in this state.
(3) “School organization” means any club, society, fraternity, sorority, or a group living together which has students as its principle members.
(4) “Student” means any person enrolled in a school in this state.
(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to haze any student in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in a school organization.
Any person who violates this Code Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed $500 (Code 1981, 16-5-61, enacted by GA.L. 1988, p694,1.)

CIVIL RIGHTS OF STUDENTS ASSURED
It continues to be the policy of the University of West Georgia to provide equal opportunity to all students and applicants for admission without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, or disability status. The university does not discriminate against any student or applicant in regard to any position for which the student is qualified.

For those with physical or mental limitations, the University will provide reasonable accommodations. Students with disabilities who have special needs should contact the Counseling Center, Row Hall (678) 839-6428, (campus extension 96428), to discuss their concerns and needs. The Counseling Center coordinates accessibility services for students with disabilities, including pre-enrollment interviews, counseling, and readers.

Any student who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran, or disability status is encouraged to let appropriate authorities at the university know of this treatment. If the student chooses, he or she may file a grievance. For grievances of discrimination of a sexual nature, please also see the section titled “Sexual Misconduct” in this handbook.

A student who wishes to know more about these procedures, or desires to speak with someone for advice about how to proceed with a complaint, may contact the Dean of Students at (678) 839-6423 or the Social Equity Officer at (678) 839-2981.

Single-Sex Student Organizations Guidelines
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs and activities at the University of West Georgia, unless such programs and activities are specifically exempt from the law. The University is required to be in compliance with the provisions of Title IX and compliance with Title IX is also a condition to be a registered student organization at the University. Since passage of this law and the publication of the implementing regulations, the university will be using the following criteria for determining when single-sex organizations are excluded from the application of Title IX:

1) The active membership consists primarily of students attending a university; and

2) The organization must have tax-exempt status under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The organization must also be a “social” organization as opposed to a “professional,” “service,” “honorary” or other organization. Professional fraternities and sororities, and service and honor societies may not exclude members on the basis of gender. Although the regulations do not list criteria that will classify an organization as professional, service, honorary or other, the university general counsel and the Title IX committee will ask a series of questions, such as:
1) Is the organization’s membership limited to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study, profession, or academic discipline?

2) Is the membership limited to individuals who have a high level of achievement in scholarship or any other endeavor?

3) Are the members permitted to hold membership in other fraternities or sororities at the same level of education?

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY**

The University System of Georgia and the University of West Georgia is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment that supports the dignity of all members of the University System of Georgia community. The University System of Georgia does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities. To that end, this policy prohibits specific forms of behavior that violate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The University System of Georgia will not tolerate sexual misconduct, which is prohibited, and which includes, but is not limited to, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, and stalking. The University System further strongly encourages members of the University System community to report instances of sexual misconduct promptly. These policies and procedures are intended to ensure that all parties involved receive appropriate support and fair treatment, and that allegations of sexual misconduct are handled in a prompt, thorough and equitable manner.

The University of West Georgia follows the Georgia Board of Regents Policy 4.1.7 on Sexual Misconduct Policy, which includes the following:

**Definitions and Prohibited Conduct:**

**Community:** Students, faculty and staff, as well as contractors, vendors, visitors, and guests.

**Complainant:** An individual lodging a complaint. The complainant may not always be the alleged victim.

**Consent:** Words or actions that show a knowing and voluntary willingness to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent cannot be gained by force, intimidation or coercion, by ignoring or acting in spite of objections of another, or by taking advantage of the incapacitation of another, where the respondent knows or reasonably should have known of such incapacitation. Consent is also absent when the activity in question exceeds the scope of consent previously given. Past consent does not imply present or future consent. Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent. Minors under the age of 16 cannot legally consent under Georgia law.

**Dating Violence:** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the alleged victim.

**Domestic Violence:** Violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the alleged victim, by a person with whom the alleged victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the alleged victim under the domestic or **
family violence laws of the jurisdiction, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Incapacitation:** The physical and/or mental inability to make informed, rational judgments, and can result from mental disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from intentional or unintentional taking of alcohol and/or other drugs. Whether someone is incapacitated is to be judged from the perspective of an objectively reasonable person.

**Nonconsensual Sexual Contact:** An intentional sexual touching upon a person, without consent or where the person is incapacitated, and/or by force, by another person or with any object. Sexual contact includes but is not limited to, intentional contact with the breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals, or touching another with these body parts, or making another touch the alleged victim or themselves with or on any of these body parts.

**Privileged Employees:** Individuals employed by the institution to whom a complainant or alleged victim may talk in confidence, as provided by law. Disclosure to these employees will not automatically trigger an investigation against the complainant’s or alleged victim’s wishes. Privileged Employees include those providing counseling, advocacy, health, mental health, or sexual-assault related services (e.g., sexual assault resource centers, campus health centers, pastoral counselors, and campus mental health centers) or as otherwise provided by applicable law. Exceptions to confidentiality exist where the conduct involves suspected abuse of a minor (in Georgia, under the age of 18) or otherwise provided by law, such as imminent threat of serious harm. Further, Privileged Employees must still submit anonymous statistical information for Clery Act purposes.

**Respondent:** Individual who is accused to have engaged in conduct that violates this Policy.

**Responsible Employees:** Those employees who must promptly and fully report complaints of or information regarding sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Responsible Employees include any administrator, supervisor, faculty member, or other person in a position of authority who is not a Privileged Employee. Student employees who serve in a supervisory, advisory, or managerial role are in a position of authority for purposes of this Policy (e.g., teaching assistants, residential assistants, student managers, orientation leaders, etc.). Responsible Employees are not required to report information disclosed at public awareness events (e.g., “Take Back the Night,” candlelight vigils, protests, “survivor speak-outs” or other public forums in which students may disclose incidents of prohibited conduct).

**Sexual Assault:** An umbrella term referring to a range of nonconsensual sexual contact, which can occur in many forms including but not limited to rape and sexual battery.

**Sexual Exploitation:** “Sexual Exploitation” occurs when an individual takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his or her own advantage or benefit, or to the benefit or advantage of anyone other than the one being exploited.

Examples of sexual exploitation may include, but are not limited to, the following:
Invasion of sexual privacy:
1. Prostituting another individual;
2. Non-consensual video or audio of sexual activity;
3. Non-consensual distribution of video or audio of sexual activity, even if the sexual activity or video or audio taken of sexual activity was consensual;
4. Intentional observation of unconsenting individuals who are partially undressed, naked, or engaged in sexual acts;
5. Knowingly transmitting an STD or HIV to another individual;
6. Intentionally and inappropriately exposing one’s breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals in non-consensual circumstances; and/or
7. Sexually-based bullying.

Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct, based on sex or gender stereotypes, that: is implicitly or explicitly a term or condition of employment or status in a course, program, or activity; is a basis for employment/educational decisions; or has the purpose or effect of interfering with one’s work or educational performance creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or learning environment, or interfering with or limiting one’s ability to participate in or benefit from an institutional program or activity.

Stalking: Engaging in a course of conduct directed toward another person based upon sex that would cause a reasonable person (i) to fear for his or her safety or the safety of immediate family members or close acquaintances, or (ii) to suffer substantial emotional distress.

Reporting:
Relying upon the definitions above, individuals seeking to make an administrative complaint regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct may report to any of the following individuals:

- Claudia Lyerly, Ed.D., Social Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator
  Aycock Hall, Room 112
  678-839-2981
- Juanita Hicks, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Faculty, Staff and Visitors
  Aycock Hall, Room 112
  678-839-6424
- Xavier Whitaker, Ed.D., Dean of Students and Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students
  Campus Center, Room 200
  678-839-4733
- Laura Clayton Eady, Assistant Athletics Director and Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Gender Equity in Athletics
  Athletic Operation Building, Room 242
  678-839-9364
- Report using our anonymous online form (“Incident Report” at www.westga.edu/UWGCares)
INVESTIGATIONS:
Investigations will be coordinated through the Title IX Coordinator's office. All complaints (including those involving claims of discrimination) will be investigated in accordance with the terms of BOR Policy 4.1.7. This includes complaints that do not include a complaint involving a student (i.e., complaints between employees or vendors). For additional information, please contact the Title IX Coordinator's office, who is authorized to establish further guidelines to assist with compliance.

Investigation Report Findings.
The investigator will issue a written report to the parties of the charges, findings of cause/no cause, description of evidence supporting the findings, and recommendations of sanctions, as applicable. The parties have the opportunity to respond within three business days and the investigator may supplement the report in accordance with BOR Policy 4.1.7.5. At such time as the investigator's report is finalized, the Title IX Coordinator will discuss the findings and recommended sanctions, as applicable, with the parties. Any disagreements with the findings or sanctions by either party will result in the forwarding of the complaint and the investigation report for hearing by a Panel assigned by the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator's office is authorized to establish further guidelines to assist with compliance.

Hearing Procedures.
Hearings involving a student, either as a Complainant or as a Respondent, will be resolved in accordance with BOR Policy 4.1.7.5. All other hearings that do not involve a student as a Complainant or Respondent will follow the Protocols for Employee Civil Rights Complaints. The Title IX Coordinator's office is authorized to establish further guidelines on the hearing procedures.

Appeals.
Appeals of hearing results for complaints involving a student, either as a Complainant or as a Respondent, will follow the procedures set forth in BOR Policy 4.7.1.6. All others will follow the Protocols for Employee Civil Rights Complaints. The Title IX Coordinator's office is authorized to establish further guidelines on appeals.

For more information as to expectations for Registered Student Organizations, please contact the Dean of Students.

DRUG FREE CAMPUS POLICY
State and federal legislation places specific responsibilities on the university to promote a drug-free campus. Alcohol and drug information programs which address the risks of drug and alcohol abuse are publicized and available. Faculty, staff and students with problems can be referred for appropriate assistance.

Standards of conduct at West Georgia prohibit the illicit possession, use or distribution of drugs and alcohol on campus or at university functions. Penalties for violations of these standards range from warnings and probation to expulsion, referral to the legal system for prosecution, and loss of employment.
A complete statement of the university’s policy regarding the Drug-Free Communities and Schools Act Amendments of 1989 and the Georgia Drug-Free Post Secondary Education Act of 1990 is published annually in the fall quarter Schedule of Classes and is distributed to all new students during orientation. Copies of the policy may be obtained in the Human Resources Office, Aycock Hall and the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Campus Center.

POLICY GOVERNING OUTDOOR SPEECHES, DEMONSTRATIONS, DISTRIBUTION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS AND MARCHES
The most updated version of this policy can be found on the UWG website at westga.edu/policy.

Voter Registration Drives
Voter registration drives must be coordinated through the designated campus voter registrar. The designated voter registrar is Howard Goodson, hgoodson@westga.edu.
If your student organization would like to host a voter registration drive on campus, please contact Arielle Korsgaard of the College of Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office about reserving a computer lab for the event. Email akorsgaa@westga.edu or office phone 678-839-5450.

UWG LOGO AND TRADEMARK POLICY FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
A unified, unique and strong visual identity is a critical element of any organization’s image. This set of coordinated branding elements, including logos and standard colors and typography, establishes a consistent, distinctive visual presence for an institution and helps its many constituencies recognize and remember it.
The University of West Georgia’s Visual Identity Program is comprised of the university trademarks, mascot, official colors and typefaces, and the guidelines for their use. A UWG trademark is any mark, logo, symbol, word or letters that have become associated with the university, including, but not limited to, the university’s name, wordmarks, shield, athletics logo and seal. These trademarks are the property of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and many are registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
Proper use of UWG’s visual identity is essential to successfully communicating the university’s image, and the visual identity guidelines were created to protect the integrity of UWG’s trademarks and ensure their application in an appropriate, graphically appealing manner.

Trademarked University Names
The words “University of West Georgia,” and “UWG” when used in any form, are registered university trademarks and should adhere to all trademark standards. On first reference, the university should be referred to as “University of West Georgia.” On subsequent references, “UWG” may be used. Other trademarked names associated with the university include “UWG Wolves,” and “The Advanced Academy of Georgia.” Student organization
names that include “UWG” or “University of West Georgia” should place the organization name first, followed by “at UWG” or “at University of West Georgia.” For example, “The Film Club at UWG” rather than “The UWG Film Club.” Organization logos should follow the same format.

**Use Of Student Organization and UWG Logos**

To show their affiliation with the university, student organizations may use a UWG wordmark, the UWG shield or athletics logo on their visual materials, including merchandise and promotional items, in conjunction with their organization’s name or logo. Student organizations may create their own logos, but no part of any university logo, including the UWG flame or shield, may be used in a student organization logo. A university logo may not be combined with a student organization logo or made to appear to be part of it in any way. The university seal is reserved for specific institutional use and may not be used by student organizations.

All UWG logos and trademarks must be reproduced in accordance with the visual identity design standards described below under “Reproduction Criteria.” Detailed descriptions and illustrations of university logos and trademarks are available online at www.westga.edu/ucm. To obtain logo and trademark files appropriately formatted for various uses, see “Where to Go for Help” on page 39.

**Wolfie, the Athletics Mascot**

Photographs of UWG’s athletics mascot, Wolfie, may be used on a student organization’s visual materials, including merchandise and promotional items, but no unauthorized illustrations of Wolfie may be used for any purpose. Photos of Wolfie in special settings or costumes may be obtained through the Office of University Communications and Marketing. A student organization may use these same logos on its official social media profiles or pages, provided no objectionable content appears on such profiles or pages.

**Identification**

All print and electronic materials, emails, websites, social media, and other communications, must clearly portray that the student organization is responsible for the content and opinions. In no event may any organization state or imply—either implicitly or by omission—that it represents the university or any of its official departments, programs, programs of study, or other institutional initiatives.

**Websites**

Student organizations and individual students may use a UWG wordmark, the UWG shield, athletics logo or photo of Wolfie on their web pages without permission if the site is not used for commercial purposes and is hosted on a university server that contains the URL “westga.edu.”

**Merchandise and Promotional Items**

Any use of a university logo or trademark on merchandise or promotional items intended for sale or giveaway, such as t-shirts, hats, cups, pennants, tote bags, key chains and lanyards, must be approved by the UWG Trademark Licensing Office – Auxiliary Services. All such items must be produced
by a licensed vendor, which in some cases will pay royalties to the university. If your organization would like to use a vendor that is currently unlicensed, contact Trademark Licensing about the simple and inexpensive.
Procedures

SECTION II

Run with the Wolves. GO WEST.
PROCEDURES FOR RESERVING AND USING UNIVERSITY FACILITIES BY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS

RESERVATION OF FACILITIES
The Center for Student Involvement will provide to the venue managers throughout the semester a list of all of registered student organizations and their respective advisors. Student organizations must be registered in order to receive access to reserve space on campus. Access for new organizations and new officers may take several weeks to update within Reserve West; however, university advisors may submit requests on the organization’s behalf during this period.

The President, Vice President, or university advisor of the student organization should submit requests online at least 10 business days before the requested meeting/event date.

Please note during the first two weeks of each semester reservation confirmations may be delayed due to high traffic volume.

A. Who can Reserve Space
   • Presidents,
   • Vice Presidents, and
   • University Advisors

B. How to Reserve Space
   • Log in to Reserve West with your UWG username and password.
   • Select the Meeting/Event Form and request your space.
   • You will receive an email confirmation once approved. Please do not promote your event until you receive this confirmation.
   • Please note during the first two weeks of each semester reservation confirmations may be delayed due to high traffic volume.

GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SCHEDULING PRIORITY
The university reserves the right to determine a space request’s priority category. Reservations submitted during priority time are accepted on a first come, first served basis within the priority category. Please note, priority levels may vary by venue. Please refer to each venue’s policies and procedures for priority information.

Changes to Reservations - If changes need to be made to the meeting/event, please complete this request through Reserve West web app under “My Events” or email the venue directly. Venues must be notified with the changes at least 7 business days prior to event start date, or change fees may apply.
CANCELLATIONS
- General Cancellations - If the meeting/event needs to be canceled, please request the request in the Reserve West web app at least 7 business days prior to the event start date or a cancellation fee may apply.
- Administrative Cancellations/Changes - In the event that the confirmed reservations may be changed or canceled due to a conflict with another meeting/event or academic need, then the venue managers will work with the organization to provide alternative accommodations whenever possible.
- Inclement Weather Cancellations - When the campus is closed due to inclement weather, your event will automatically be canceled. Rescheduling the meeting/event can be done through the Reserve West web app.

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FACILITY CARE
- All groups/organizations, including student organizations/groups, must leave facilities as they found them.
- If food or drink is permitted, trash should be placed in trash cans.
- All individuals reserving University of West Georgia facilities are expected to ensure proper care of the venue and equipment. Damage, repair, and replacement costs are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization/department. UWG property (i.e. furniture, paintings, sculptures, displays, flags, etc.) may not be moved or removed from a venue without approval from venue manager.
- No changes should be made to the arrangement of the furniture, equipment, or other University property unless prior approval has been granted. If approved, any furniture moved within the facility must be placed back to the original set-up.
- Facilities that are left unusable for the next day will be traced to the
group/organization, which may be charged for the cost of returning the facility to its pre-event status and the organization may be banned from future use of University facilities.

Facility Usage Fees - Fees for meetings/events on campus are determined primarily by the type of group making the reservation and the venue of the reservation.

MEETING/EVENT SETUP
- Equipment - Requests for equipment should be made through the Reserve West web app at the time of the reservation request. Venue-specific resources are available to request for each venue through the reservation process.
- Setup - If a particular setup is needing for your meeting/event, please make this request through the Reserve West web app at the time of the reservation request. Setups that are available for each room can be selected when the room is chosen through this process.

FACILITY ACCESS
- Campus Center and Coliseum - These venues are staffed and will be unlocked at the reserved start time of your event.
- All Other Spaces - If you are locked out of your reserved venue after 5:00 pm during the week or anytime Saturday and Sunday please contact University Police to request the venue to be unlocked. You will need to contact University Police at the conclusion of your event to secure the venue.

ALCOHOL
Groups using University facilities must conform to University policies pertaining to alcoholic beverages. Georgia law requires that individuals be 21 years of age or older in order to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Procedures for alcohol use on-campus and at university events can be found online at UWGPolicy9.8 Alcohol on Campus

UNIVERSITY POLICE
- Any meeting/event with the possibility of 150 or more attendees will require University Police review. University Police officers may be required at certain campus events which will be determined by the Chief of University Police (or designee).
- The organization will be responsible for paying the officer(s). Payment must be made in full in advance of the event and will include the officers overtime rate of pay plus social security. The University Police will determine the number of officers needed and the hours that the officers will be present.
- Neither private security nor off duty officers from local police agencies can be used for event security without the approval of the
Chief of University Police (or designee). Only certified police officers from the City of Carrollton, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office or Georgia State Patrol will be considered.

**AUDIO/VISUAL SUPPORT**
- Campus Center and Coliseum Reservations - AV requests can be made through the Reserve West web app when requesting and managed by the respective venue.
- All Other Spaces - Your university advisor will need to contact Classroom Support, and Multimedia Services at itsmedia@westga.edu or 678-839-6459.

Open Flame- Use of open flame (candles, tiki torches, patio heaters, grills, campfires, etc.) is prohibited on campus unless approved by the Office Risk Management/Environmental Health and Safety.

Drone Operations - Any use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“drones”) on campus must have approval from the Office of Risk Management.

Events/Efforts Involving Minors - In accordance with the University’s policy on minors, any program that includes the on-campus supervision of non-UWG student participants under the age of 18 must be registered and approved by the Office of Risk Management.

Dine West, UWG Dining, and Catering - All campus events which include the serving of food must have that food provided by Dine West. Approval for any outside vendor must be made by the Executive Director of Campus Dining or their designee.

**FOOD SAFETY**
- Groups must complete and attach a food safety plan to the reservation request if:
  1. The group will be cooking raw meats, and/or
  2. The group will be serving to the general student or campus population
- The following guidelines pertain to selling prepared food to the campus community:
  1. Controls should be used to minimize contact with the food (gloves, tongs, individual wrappings, etc.).
  2. Ingredients should either be listed or available at the site of sale.

**FACILITIES RESERVABLE THROUGH RESERVE WEST WEB APP**
The venue managers reserve the right to deny future reservations/rentals to organizations that do not comply with the policies and procedures below

**ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS**
- Policies and Procedures: westga.edu/administration/reserve-west/academic-space
• Contact Information: Whitney Brand, wbrand@westga.edu

CAMPUS CENTER
• Policies and Procedures: westga.edu/urec/
• Contact Information: ccevents@westga.edu

COLISEUM
• Policies and Procedures: bit.ly/coliseumuwg
• Contact Information: coliseum@westga.edu

AUXILIARY SERVICES: OUTDOOR/INDOOR, TABLING, AND PROMOTIONAL SPACES
• Contact Information: thecard@westga.edu

CASHEN RECITAL HALL
• Contact Information: music@westga.edu

GREENBELT
The Carrollton Greenbelt was constructed with public funds and is intended for enjoyment by the surrounding community. As such, requests by student organizations to host events on this space will typically be denied if they interfere with the public’s use of this facility or if the event poses an operational impact to the university. Auxiliary Services will consider permitting use of this space on weekends based on the same criteria; and will prompt the group to complete an Event Review Form. If the event poses vehicle/pedestrian risks, Auxiliary may require that the group hire university police officers to control traffic. The following rules will be enforced for any activity on the Greenbelt:
• Timed bicycle events will not be permitted.
• The unlit portion of the Greenbelt (between West Georgia Drive and Lovvorn) road is closed at night.
• No vehicles, tables, or any other materials may be placed on the Greenbelt, or in any manner that may impede upon Greenbelt operations.
• Student groups may not market their event (flyers, signs, chalk) on the Greenbelt.

ROAD RACES/WALKS/FUN RUNS
Road races may be permitted on the university campus on an individual, first-come, first-served basis. Only UWG departments, non-profit organizations, and registered student organizations can host an on-campus road race. Road events will be assessed on safety and operational impact of the event to campus operations. Auxiliary Services is the reserving agent for all road races. The following rules apply to all on-campus road/pedestrian events:
• Road races/walks/fun runs must be scheduled with Auxiliary Services 60 days in advance. The University offers no guarantee that they will be able to accommodate an event that demands a significant amount of resources.
• Road races/walks/fun runs must be confined to the Athletic Complex
• Road races (5ks) must be insured for liability. ($1M per occurrence)
• Groups will be charged back for all services, including traffic control and facility restoration.

RESERVE WEST RESOURCES
https://success.emssoftware.com

UNIVERSITY VEHICLE USE AND OPERATION POLICY
University vehicles are not available for student use. Potential drivers of university-sponsored groups should be qualified through the department which sponsors them

CHECKOUT OF MEDIA EQUIPMENT

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)

CONTACT: ITS .................................................................678-839-6587

Registered student organizations can check out audiovisual equipment from ITS for their official programs. The ability to fill student organization requests is dependent on availability of equipment, since priority is always given to equipment orders needed for credit-generating instruction. To utilize the services of ITS, the organization’s advisor must approve the request by sending an e-mail to ITSMedia@westga.edu at least 48 hours before the needed pickup time. To reserve equipment, an organization representative must be currently enrolled in the university and have a valid I.D. card. Students must sign for the equipment and in doing so assume responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to the equipment while in their possession. ITS reserves the right to specify the conditions under which students may use the equipment. Equipment loaned to students is generally limited to one day. Equipment is to be used indoors only. Outdoor events are supported by Facilities (678-839-6311).

EQUIPMENT RESERVATION PROCESS:
• An organization representative can reserve equipment by calling or going to the ITS office located in the basement of the Anthropology Building. You will be asked to give pertinent information (e.g., time, place, date, and type of equipment needed). A Student ID card and signature will be required. A checkout form and service desk ticket will be completed and placed in the file. Note that reservations without advisors approval may be canceled.
• The organization’s advisor must approve the request by sending an e-mail to ITSMedia@westga.edu or appearing in person at the ITS office in the basement of the Anthropology Building (with ID card) at least 48 hours before the event time.
• Note the person accepting responsibility for the equipment will be
responsible for it until equipment is returned. The office is not open on weekends or evenings.

- Students must choose to pick up and return the equipment during normal office hours. Equipment to be returned by the organization should be returned on time so that ITS can fulfill other commitments.
- ITS can provide training on use of equipment if asked.
- When placing your order, please be sure to give exact instructions as to who will be responsible for the equipment. Equipment will not be available without the appropriate representative’s acceptance and responsibility, with a signature. If equipment is not picked up by the appropriate person at the appointment time, the order will be canceled.
- By signing the order form the organization agrees to the following:
  - full knowledge of how to operate the equipment
  - will pay replacement cost if lost or stolen
  - will pay any repair charges due to damage not caused through normal wear
  - equipment was personally checked out by organization representative and found to be in good working condition.
- Normally equipment is not to be taken off of campus. Special permission must be received from ITS Management before doing so.
- At the first sign of malfunction, discontinue operation, immediately disconnect the power plug, and contact the ITS Service desk (678-839-6587). Be prepared to give the service personnel a description of how the problem occurred.

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PRINTED MATERIALS

YOUR ON-CAMPUS COPY CENTER
The Department of Publications and Printing, Your On-Campus Copy Center, offers color and black-and-white copying and printing for students and campus organizations. Large-format posters, vinyl banners, and corrugated yard signs can be produced for you within a few days. Also offered are book binding, publications design, and more. If you don’t see what you need on the price list, ask a staff member. There are several ways to obtain printing:

- Email your files to pubprint@westga.edu. Be sure to include instructions and your contact information, and remember to attach your files.
- Place your order in person. Computers are available in the lobby so that you can send files from your jump drive directly to the quick copy equipment on site. While-you-wait copies are available, first come, first served. For larger projects, it’s best to allow several days.
• Your On-Campus Copy Center is located off Back Campus Drive on Pub and Print Drive, across from East Commons dining hall. The print shop’s hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Call 678-839-6483 to plan your printing. A full-time staff is available to assist you.

Other services include student business cards, spiral and coil binding for your copies, table tents, fliers, and publicity materials (bus signs, retractable banners, pavement, wall and window decals, etc.).

PROCEDURES REGARDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION MAILINGS AND MAIL BOXES
Your campus organization may obtain a mail box on campus. Please stop by the campus mail room, located in the University Community Center. A five-dollar key fee (non-refundable) it will be required for the key. (organization mail only, no personal mail can be sent to the PO box.) Mail should be addressed:

Organization Name Attn: John Doe
PO Box 10000
Carrollton, GA 30118

An organization needs to keep their mail box checked at least once a week. These mail boxes are really small and do not hold a lot of mail. Interoffice mail may be sent to other students and faculty at no cost. Mail addressed to faculty must have department and name. Names and PO box numbers are required for mail sent to students. Organizations cannot stuff mail boxes with fliers. Off campus mailings will be processed at regular United States Postal Service (USPS) rates. Stamps, stamped #10 envelopes, registered-mail, certified-mail, return receipts, insured mail, delivery confirmations and money orders may be purchased through Mail Services (cash or check only). International mail is also available through campus mail.

If you have any question, please contact the office at 678-839-6522. They will be happy to assist you. Mail Services hours are 8:00 – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Mail needing to go out that day needs to be at Campus Mail before the 3:30 p.m. dispatch.

DOCUMENTING GROUP VOLUNTEER HOURS

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:
Volunteers are individuals who perform hours of service, for a public agency for civic, charitable, and humanitarian reasons, and for personal or professional experience. Volunteers are uncompensated and provide services without the expectation of compensation. All volunteers are expected to abide by University policies and procedures as outlined in the student handbook. Student organizations coordinating volunteer efforts are also
expected to abide by University policies.

ACCEPTABLE HOURS

- Providing a service to a non-profit organization, community, or the environment without compensation
- Execution of fundraising activities for non-profit organizations
- Coaching youth sports or fitness/educational classes without compensation
- Involvement in for-profit business projects that address a community service need

For a comprehensive list of acceptable hours and definitions of types of impact visit the Center for Student Involvement webpage (www.westga.edu/csi) or the Volunteer Programs portal on OrgSync.

HOW TO LOG SERVICE HOURS

All hours must be submitted and approved through OrgSync. To see a visual step-by-step outline, visit the Center for Student Involvement website at http://www.westga.edu/csi and click on Volunteer.

TRACKING INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER EVENTS - PAPERLESS

- Sign in to OrgSync (www.orgsync.com) using your UWG username and password
- Click your profile picture located on the top right of your screen
- Select Involvement from the drop down menu
- Click Add Involvement Entry
- Select Service Participation
- Complete the Form

TRACKING GROUP VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Sign in to OrgSync (www.orgsync.com) using your UWG username and password
- Click on “Volunteer Programs” located on the under “Featured” on the left side of the screen
- Click on Files
- Select Tracking Volunteer Hours folder
- Download the How to Track Group Volunteer Hours in OrgSync PowerPoint for a step-by-step tutorial to create a service category event

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Developing a Constitution

SECTION III

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DEVELOPING A CONSTITUTION

To assist your group, a sample constitution and explanation of each section of a constitution has been prepared for your use. The sample constitution is only an example, and should not be used as a “fill-in” form. Should you require further assistance in the preparation of your constitution, contact the Center for Student Involvement, Campus Center, 678- 839-6526.

A constitution is the basic framework of an organization. It should state the purpose of the organization, and should indicate the number of officers, the method of their selection, requirements for membership and other general operating procedures which might be subject to frequent change. Detailed methods of doing business and specific rules belong in a document called the BYLAWS. For example: The constitution would establish the fact that dues are a requirement for membership and would outline the method of determining the amount of dues. The bylaws would then state the specific dues structure.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. NAME
The name of the organization should reflect the nature of the organization.

Article II. PURPOSE
This section should state the purpose, aims, and functions of the organization.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP & DUES
This section should state the requirements and size limitations of the membership and the dues structure, if any.

Article IV. OFFICERS
This section should be a list of the officer positions and the duration of terms. Also provisions should be for vacancies of office. Names should never appear in the constitution, only the positions.

Article V. FISCAL AGENT/FACULTY CONSULTANT
This section should state the procedure for selecting a faculty consultant and would explain the procedures for selection of a fiscal agent, if applicable.

Article VI. MEETINGS
This article should state the provisions for a regular meeting time, as well as any provisions to be made for calling special meetings. The officer position which has the authority to call meetings should be stated here.

Article VII. QUORUM
This section would set down the rules pertaining to the number of members, or the percentage of the membership required to be present to transact business.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS
Amending the constitution should not be a simple process for the sake of the stability of the organization. All amendments are subject to final approval by the appropriate governing body.

Article IX. RATIFICATION
This section would state the requirements for ratification of the constitution of the newly formed organization.

BYLAWS
The by-laws would contain:
1. Detailed material concerning members, rights, duties, expulsion and resignation procedure.
2. Provisions for honorary members if the group so desires.
3. Provisions for membership fees, dues and assessments, if there are to be any, should be written in detail.
4. Names of the standing committees, if any, and the method of choosing the Chairpersons and committee members. The duties of the Committee(s) should also be stated here.
5. A provision for some accepted rules of order for parliamentary procedures, such as Robert’s Rules of Order, should be included.
6. A method to amend the bylaws, usually a majority vote.

SAMPLE CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I. NAME
Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the University of West Georgia Student Organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES
Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be:
1. 
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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all University of West Georgia students, faculty, and staff.
Section 2. Membership shall be maintained by the payment of dues which are established by the Executive Committee, (or decided by the membership or there shall be no dues.)

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS
Section 1. The officers of the organizations shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and Treasurer.
Section 2. Duties and Powers:
a. The duties of the president shall be (FOR EXAMPLE) to preside at all meetings, call special meetings, to appoint committees, etc.
b. The duties of the vice president shall be (FOR EXAMPLE)
to perform all duties of the president in his/her absence, to serve as program chairman, etc.
c. The duties of the secretary shall be (FOR EXAMPLE) to keep an accurate, permanent record of the minutes and proceeding of the organization, to take charge of all correspondence, to make necessary reports, etc.
d. The duties of the treasurer shall be (FOR EXAMPLE) to keep an accurate and complete record of all monetary transaction, to collect the club dues, etc. The Treasurer must disburse fund money in accordance with the regulations of the University.
e. Include any other officers as decided by the club.

Section 3. Election of Officers:
a. The officers shall be elected at the next to the last regular meeting of the academic year or a Steering Committee should be appointed to provide leadership until officers are elected, or as provided for by each organization.
b. State any qualifications necessary to hold office.
c. The candidates shall be nominated in the following manner: (FOR EXAMPLE) a nominating committee, nominations from the floor, or a combination of both of these.
d. Voting shall be by ballot vote, show of hands, oral vote, or etc. as decided by the club.
e. A majority of 3/4 or 2/3 of all votes cast shall be necessary for election (One of these should be specified).

ARTICLE V. FISCAL AGENT/FACULTY CONSULTANT
Section 1. The selection of a faculty consultant is required of the individual organization.

Section 2. All registered student organizations who receive student fees are required to have a fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is selected in accordance with University regulations.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS
Section 1. The University of West Georgia Student Organization shall meet (once a month, the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, etc.), as decided by the organization.

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM
Section 1. (2/3, 3/4, etc.) of the members of this organization shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS
Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be in writing and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of 2/3 of those at the meeting.
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