SCOPE:
This policy applies to the University of Richmond and all of its Affiliates. As used in this policy, the term “Affiliates” means organizations or entities in which the University owns a controlling interest or has the right to elect the majority of the entity’s governing board.

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POLICY STATEMENT:

STU-4001.1 – Definitions

Unrecognized Organizations
Unrecognized organizations are those that: 1) were previously recognized by University of Richmond and lost that recognition by the University and/or national organization; 2) were denied recognition by the University’s Student Development Faculty Committee; or 3) did not register with the Center for Student Involvement.

STU-4001.2 – Policy
University of Richmond does not sanction the activities of unrecognized organizations nor encourage students to become members of such organizations.

Unrecognized organizations do not receive support or oversight from the University. In addition, unrecognized groups do not receive University training and/or education on topics such as organizational
management, leadership development, event planning, budget and/or risk management, harm prevention and health and safety topics (alcohol education, sexual misconduct, hazing) Because these groups are unrecognized, they do not receive University staff support, i.e., advisors and/or mentors. Additionally, unrecognized organizations that are affiliated or responsible to a national organization, but are not recognized by the University, do not carry liability insurance.

Unrecognized organization are directed to cease all operations, including recruitment and initiation of students, education, and sponsoring or and/or participation as a group under an original or new name in any on/off campus programs. Failure to comply with this requirement may be considered a violation of the Standards of Student conduct. Students are further advised that engaging in activities that violate University policies may result in appropriate sanctions.

For additional questions about the current status of unrecognized organizations, please contact the Center for Student Involvement at 804.289.8505.

**RELATED POLICIES:**

- Standards of Student Conduct

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

This policy reflects the longstanding practice of the University of Richmond and was reviewed by President’s Cabinet prior to codification for the policy library on 09/30/2019

Policy revised to expand definition and clarify policy statement on November 15, 2019

**POLICY CONTACTS:**

- Director of the Center for Student Involvement