

Article IV. Student Organizations

Section 1. Authorization of Student Organizations

- a. In order to become an authorized Whitman College student organization a petition for recognition must be initiated with the Dean of Students.
- b. No honor society or student social organization, including fraternities and sororities, may be recognized without permission of the faculty.
 - 1) Application for the establishment of such an organization must be accompanied by a copy of the proposed constitution and a recommendation from the Dean of Students for favorable or unfavorable action.
 - 2) Upon the approval of the constitution the faculty will grant permission for the establishment of the organization.
- c. All other student organizations such as those affiliated with an academic department, service organization, or a special interest group, must be recognized by the Dean of Students.
- d. No change in the constitution of any organization may be made without permission of the Dean of Students. Major changes may require reapplication for recognition through established procedures.
- e. No student social organization at Whitman College shall be permitted to refuse membership to any otherwise qualified candidate, or discriminate against any member, on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, state, or local laws."
- f. The faculty reserves the right to withdraw its authorization from any organization if in its judgment the well-being of the College requires such action.

Section 2. Supervision of Student Organizations

Student organizations and activities shall be subject to the supervision of the Dean of Students.

- a. Regulations for organizations and activities shall be established by the Dean of Students except in areas where authority is granted by the Board of Trustees or where legislation is specifically provided for by the faculty.

- b. Establishment of these regulations may be wholly or partly delegated to properly constituted student organizations or committees, subject to the approval of the Dean of Students.

Section 3. General Regulations

- a. Every organization must furnish a current list of its officers and a copy of its constitution and by-laws to the Dean of Students; maintain a good standard of scholarship and conduct among its members; and have a college adviser appointed by the President of the College on recommendation of the Dean of Students and nomination by the student group concerned.
- b. Membership in student organizations shall be limited to regular students enrolled in the College, except insofar as the constitutions of the respective organizations may provide for honorary and other categories of membership.
- c. Social events and other activities held in off-campus locations will not normally be considered to be social events sponsored by the College. The responsibility for insuring proper conduct at such events shall rest entirely with the group itself.
- d. Activities conducted on the campus by student organizations are subject to college regulations concerning organizations and individual student behavior. Student or campus organizations that wish to use college-owned facilities for their activities must reserve the facilities according to appropriate procedures.
 - 1) The reservation must indicate who the responsible individual/s will be in case of damage to college property or other problems stemming from the activity.
 - 2) In instances where college property or buildings are being used by students for such activities, the College reserves the right to require the presence of custodial personnel such as firemen, janitors, residence hall staff, security personnel, etc.
- e. No publications may be issued by students, classes, or organizations in the name of the College without permission of the faculty.
- f. Each student organization must be free of debt contracted as a result of current operations by the end of each college fiscal year. An organization in debt at the end of a fiscal year may be placed on probation for one year.
 - 1) During such probation the organization shall not contract further current indebtedness and shall remove all current financial obligations.

- 2) If, at the end of the year of probation, the indebtedness has not been removed, college authorization for the organization may be withdrawn.

Section 4. Associated Students of Whitman College

All regular students in the College are required to become members of the Associated Students of Whitman College. All other students are entitled to the privilege of membership upon payment of the student body fee.

Section 5. Social Fraternities and Sororities

- a. All of the regulations in the preceding sections of this Article apply to social fraternities and sororities.
- b. College expectations of fraternities and sororities are detailed in the document "Fraternities and Sororities at Whitman College". It is the responsibility of each recognized social fraternity and sorority to comply with all college regulations.
- c. In addition, the following regulations apply to fraternities and sororities:
 - 1) Each social fraternity and sorority must keep on file with the Dean of Students an accurate list of its members and officers.
 - 2) No social fraternity or sorority may pledge or initiate a student not enrolled as a regular student in the College. A first-year student may not be initiated into membership until he or she has been enrolled for at least one semester as a regular student.
 - 3) Every social fraternity and sorority must have an adviser who is a member of the faculty. Faculty advisers shall be appointed by the President of the College upon recommendation of the Dean of Students and nomination by the student group concerned.
 - 4) Only men students enrolled in the College or persons designated by the College may reside in fraternity houses while classes are in session.
 - 5) Each fraternity house must at all times be accessible for inspection by the Dean of Students, his or her designee, or the faculty adviser.
 - 6) All activities which are sponsored by recognized fraternities and sororities or which take place in fraternity houses are subject to college regulations and to the control of the Dean of Students.