

4 Registering your RSO

4.1 Recognized Student Organizations

Recognized student organizations are separate entities of the university, whose membership includes university students, faculty and staff. They are categorized according to their mission statement. Their mission is not necessarily tied to the University's, but it should not conflict with it. Recognition **MUST** be renewed **annually** with Student Activities. Organizations are categorized as:

Academic	Honor	Faith-based	Special Interest	Cultural
Non-funded	Residence Life	Spirit	Funded	Political
Service	Sport Club	Greek	Professional	Short Term

4.2 University Sponsored Organization

Sponsored organizations are those considered to be critical to the mission and culture of the university, such as the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council and Panhellenic Council. These organizations are inherently linked to the University because of their role in representing the University or in presenting events that are considered to be an integral part of the institution. Sponsored organizations routinely present events for the campus and broader community, and typically have a close relationship with a university department or office. The activities and events of these organizations are considered to involve a higher level of complexity because of their scope and perceived association to the university. Please contact Student Activities for more information on obtaining this status.

4.3 Council Affiliation

All student organizations must belong to one of the governing councils listed below:

1. University Council of Student Organizations (UCSO): Represents all organizations that are not sports related or inter/national social Greek organizations.
2. Interfraternity Council (IFC): Membership in IFC shall include all undergraduate chapters and colonies of male national or social fraternities recognized by the North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference, and chapters and colonies of male national or social fraternities that were established on campus as of 1998.
3. Panhellenic Council (PC): Represents all National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) women's fraternities.
4. Sports Club Council (SCC): Represents all sport clubs that compete with clubs from other colleges or universities or are designed to provide instruction in a particular sport or recreational activity.
5. Islander Cultural Alliance (ICA): Represents all student organizations whose primary purpose is to promote one or many cultures.
6. Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): Represents Greek organizations that historically represent the interests of minority groups. These organizations may be affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Conference (NPHC), National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) or a similar organization

4.4 Student Organization Categorical Descriptions

4.4.1 Academic

Students organized to study, discuss or experience an academic course, major or field, through lectures, field trips, meetings or other related activities.

4.4.2 Cultural

Students organized to celebrate and support the interests of one or many different cultures, races or ethnicities.

4.4.3 Funded

Organizations who do not discriminate against gender, do not receive more than \$500 per year through a university department and who fulfill all paperwork and attendance requirements at council meetings will be eligible for funding through UCSO.

4.4.4 Greek

Social Greek-letter organizations organized under one of the Greek governing councils at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

4.4.5 Honor

Recognized honor organizations, typically affiliated with a specific academic major, department or campus activity.

4.4.6 Non-funded

Organizations who discriminate or receive more than \$500 per year from a university department for organizational operations are not eligible for funding through Student Activities or UCSO.

4.4.7 Political

Students organized to promote affiliation with a political party or support one or many political issues.

4.4.8 Professional

Students organized to pursue mutual career goals and prepare for the professional world.

4.4.9 Faith-based

Students organized to celebrate and support the interests of one or many faiths or faith studies.

4.4.10 Residence Life

Representative boards of student leaders from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi residence halls recognized by University Housing.

4.4.11 Service

Students organized to provide volunteer community service and philanthropy to the campus, Corpus Christi community or a specific non-profit organization or cause.

4.4.12 Short-term

Students organized to address a short-term goal, such as the passage of a particular piece of legislation or the staging of a particular event.

4.4.13 Special Interest

Students organized to pursue special interests pertaining to lifestyle, social or societal issues.

4.4.14 Spirit

Students organized to promote Islander spirit and any of the University's activities and/or programs.

4.4.15 Sport Clubs

Students organized to participate informally or competitively in one or many different recreational activities. These are governed and funded by Recreational Sports.

4.5 Greek Chapter Annual Registration Process

Fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must be recognized as a chapter affiliated with the University by completing a registration process which requires the submission of applicable documentation. Chapters must complete the registration process and adhere to the Standards and Expectations for Greek Chapters. Documentation must be submitted in accordance with all deadlines published by Student Activities. The "standards and expectations" are minimum guidelines that ensure the total success of fraternity/sorority chapters.

Greek chapters must complete the recognition process every spring semester in order to reserve rooms or facilities on campus, use University resources and possibly receive funding from the University. Forms and other necessary paperwork are available on the web at <http://greeklife.tamucc.edu> and in Student Activities.

To become a recognized Greek student organization and to maintain recognized status, the following information must be submitted to Student Activities:

1. **Chapter Information Form** must be submitted by January 30th after officer elections. If any appointments occur during fall, paperwork is due by September 12. All officers must be currently enrolled students in good standing with the University.
2. **Hazing Policy Compliance Certification** must be submitted by January 30th.
3. Copy of the **bank signature card**, which lists current signers on the account, must be submitted January 30th and each time a signer change occurs.
4. **Governing documents** to be submitted by January 30th EVERY 4 YEARS and whenever updated:
 - a. Inter/National Constitution and Bylaws (show us that you have a copy; not to be kept on file)
 - b. Inter/National Standing Rules and Policies (show us that you have a copy; not to be kept on file)
 - c. Local chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter code of conduct
 - d. Local articles of incorporation
5. **Roster Update Forms** must be turned in September 5th AND November 30th AND April 30th. If no changes are needed, state such in an email to the Greek Advisor by the dates stated.
6. **Notice of Recruitment/Intake Form** is due five days prior to events occurring.
7. **New Member Bill of Rights Confirmation Form** is due by October 1st and March 1st.
8. **New member (or equivalent) calendar** and **new member program** submitted by September 5th and March 1st.
9. At least two officers must be subscribed to the **Greek Life listserv**. Important messages regarding meetings, opportunities, policies and deadlines will be

communicated over the list. To subscribe, compose a message to greeklife-request@kestrel.tamucc.edu; type subscribe in the subject line and click send.

Only COMPLETE forms will be accepted

The submission of organization information does not necessarily guarantee institutional recognition. The membership, policies and actions of a student organization are subject to a vote of currently enrolled students if a situation so merits.

No organization will be granted recognized privileges if it is not open to all students without respect to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, class status, national origin or marital status or whose stated purpose violates state, local or federal laws and/or University rules and regulations. Those organizations which follow the Title IX exclusions, such as fraternities, sororities and men/women only sport clubs, retain the right to be single-gender.

4.6 Achieving Academic Potential

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will hold the recognized Greek organizations accountable to reasonable standards of academic performance. Fraternities and Sororities will maintain a chapter cumulative GPA at or above the All-Male or All-Female Undergraduate GPA. Each Greek governing council will maintain individual standards of academic achievement for their member chapters, including minimum requirements for recruiting new members. The academic policies of the Greek governing councils shall not be in conflict with these rules and regulations.

4.6.1 Maintaining GPA

Greek organizations whose new member term GPA falls below a 2.00 in any given academic semester will be placed on probation and must complete the following requirements to be removed from this status. Failure to complete the terms of probation will result in the suspension of social privileges for the following semester.

1. Schedule a meeting with the governing council to discuss a chapter scholarship program and new member education program that will enhance GPA performance.
2. Revise or create a written scholarship program and/or a written new member education program (as appropriate). These programs must be submitted to the governing council for a review by the official university mid-term date. If revisions are needed, they must be re-submitted by the date set forth by the governing council.
3. Achieve a new member GPA for the probation semester that meets or exceeds a 2.00.
4. Greek organizations whose chapter's term GPA falls below a 2.00 in any academic semester will be placed on chapter probation, and must complete the above listed requirements in addition to those listed in 3.6 Recognition, to be removed from probation. Failure to complete the terms of probation will result in chapter suspension.

4.7 Loss of Recognition

Organizations may lose recognition if they fail to meet the new member requirements, failing to turn in the submission of all applicable documentation by its due date for

registration, lacking the appropriate advisement or if the organization fails to abide by the University's Code of Conduct and/or if it fails to meet all of the Responsibilities and Duties of an RSO. If an organization loses recognition, it will be put on probation and cease all activities until all paperwork is completed and turned in and/or all stipulations of the probation are met.

4.7.1 Review of Recognition

1. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi may determine, as a result of annual review results, academic reports, or disciplinary situations, to review the appropriateness of continuing recognition of any recognized Greek organization.
2. If the university determines that there is cause for a review of recognition, chapter officers and the advisor will meet with the Greek Advisor, at which time they may present any evidence that might justify their continued recognition by the university. Additionally, the chapter's inter/national headquarters and the alumni advisory board will be notified of the review meeting.
3. The review of recognition will include, but not limited to, a consideration of the following performance indicators:
 - a. The disciplinary track record of the organization for the previous three academic years.
 - b. The academic track record of the organization for the previous three academic years.

The Greek Judicial Board chief justice(s) and Greek Advisor will recommend to the Vice President of Student Affairs that a fraternity or sorority be placed on probation, be suspended or lose its university recognition based on the results of the review meeting. The Vice President will have the final decision in these cases.