



## Good Standing Policy: Expectations for Recognized Student Organizations at Virginia Tech

### Context and Purpose

The Good Standing policy is intended to provide a succinct list of expectations for the behavior and conduct of recognized student organizations in order to support their goals and prospering on campus. As the department that recognizes and manages student organizations on behalf of the institution, Student Engagement and Campus Life sets forth these expectations to support your organization in meeting your goals and prospering as a community on campus.

These expectations were compiled based on their alignment with other Virginia Tech Policies, the Student Organization Registration Agreement, and institutional/departmental processes. Failure to meet expectations outlined in the Good Standing policy may result in loss of privileges, additional sanctions, and/or further investigation into incidents.

### Privileges Afforded to Student Organizations in Good Standing

Recognized student organizations<sup>1</sup> that are currently meeting the expectations listed in the section below will have access to the following privileges:

- Recognition from the University
- Ability to reserve spaces throughout campus
- Eligibility to request funding from Student Budget Board
- Access to The Source and the Hokie Print discount
- Usage of a GobblerConnect profile for advertising and organization management
- Eligibility to participate in certain events like Gobblerfest and Gobblerfair
- Ability to advertise throughout campus
- Usage of the Virginia Tech name, Hokie tracks, and Hokie Bird
- Access to support from university staff members

### Expectations for Student Organizations to be in Good Standing

#### **Organizational Conduct**

1. Student organizations must uphold all university policies, local, state and federal laws.
2. Student organizations must uphold the [Student Code of Conduct](#), including but not limited to the Alcoholic Beverage Policy, Hazing, and Gender-Based Violence.
3. Student organizations must comply with [Policy 8010: Classification of Student Organizations](#) and the according policy in relation to their type, including [Policy 8012: Establishing and Maintaining a University Chartered Student Organization](#), [Policy 8013: Establishing and Maintaining a Registered Student Organization](#) or [Policy 8011: Establishing and Maintaining a University Student Life program](#).

4. Student organizations will comply with all requirements in the [Licensing Guidelines](#) in accordance with their organization's type.
5. Student organizations will take steps to limit and appropriately report incidents of discrimination, harassment and sexual assault in compliance with [Policy 1025: Policy on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Assault](#).
6. Student organization must provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for their members in compliance with [Policy 1026: Policy on Title IX Sexual Harassment and Responsible Employee Reporting](#).

### **Rosters & Registration**

1. All student organizations must complete the Mandatory Annual Registration process to maintain their recognition as a student organization.
2. All information submitted on behalf of the organization, including but not limited to registration documents and event requests, must be accurate and valid.
3. Student organizations must maintain all roster requirements as indicated on their official GobblerConnect roster, including a minimum of 5 currently-enrolled student members, at least 75% of total membership should be made up of currently-enrolled students, and one president and one treasurer must be identified as officers.
4. Student organizations will be responsive to inquiries from perspective student members, including those sent via GobblerConnect and to listed email contacts.

### **Organization Activity**

1. Student organizations must provide ongoing opportunities for members and/or members of the Virginia Tech community, that align with their mission.
2. All activity on behalf of the student organization, including but not limited to room reservations and Student Budget Board requests, must be conducted by current student members.
3. Student organizations must not function exclusively as class projects.
4. Student organization must not be a recreation of suspended or expelled organizations in name or in auspice.
5. Student organizations must comply with Health Check requests and all processes as required by Student Engagement and Campus Life.

### **Use of University Space & Resources**

1. Student organizations must meet all requirements and comply with processes for Student Engagement and Campus Life managed services and venues, including but not limited to reservation confirmations and production contracts.
2. Student organizations will pay all outstanding debts to Virginia Tech within 30 days of incurring expenses unless otherwise stated.
3. Student organizations must use GobblerConnect in compliance with the GobblerConnect Usage policy outlined by Student Engagement and Campus Life.
4. Student organizations must use all campus technology resources in compliance with the [Acceptable Use policy](#).
5. Student organizations must comply with [Policy 5215: Sales, Solicitation and Advertising on Campus](#), which includes requirements for fundraising, informational activity and advertising.
6. Student organizations must comply with [Policy 5000: University Facilities Usage and Events](#) which includes requirements for the usage of land and buildings on campus by approved organizations.

7. Student organizations must acquire and hold general comprehensive or public liability insurance policies as deemed necessary by university officials and university policy.

#### Processes for Accountability Relating to Organizations Out of Good Standing

Student Engagement and Campus Life, and other involved offices, will take into consideration the severity of the violation as well as other information to make a reasonable decision as to appropriate sanctions or resolution. This may include the revocation of some, or all, of the aforementioned privileges for student organizations, assignment of educational sanctions, completion of a Health Check, or loss of recognition from the university. The goal of the Good Standing policy is to support your organization in meeting your goals and prospering as a community on campus, and the accountability process will also reflect this philosophy to the fullest extent possible and be applied consistently.

#### Amendments to this policy

This policy was last revised on February 1, 2021. If any additions or edits are made to it, it will be sent out, in full, to all student organizations to notify them of any changes.