

## **Policy for Student Club Recognition**

The Student Activities Office and the Student Government Association (SGA) encourage the formation of new student clubs. Every club must have a full-time faculty or staff advisor and be open to all members of the student body. Students interested in forming a new student club will be required to submit certain documentation to the Director of Student Life and Leadership who may request a meeting with club organizers in order to collect additional information needed for recognition. Recognition of a student club by the College or the SGA shall not imply approval or endorsement of the club or its activities. All student clubs and their members are subject to the College's policies and procedures, including the Student Code of Conduct and Policy on Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity & Diversity. For a copy of the club formation toolkit, which includes a complete description of the process for forming a student club, or for additional information about the College's active student clubs, please visit the Student Activities Office located in Room 103 in the Fuller Center or call 508-854-4334.

## **Policy on Student Expression**

The College recognizes and supports the rights of students to engage in constitutionally protected expressive activities on campus, including speaking, non-verbal expression, distributing literature, displaying signage and circulating petitions. Expressive activities may be conducted at any publicly accessible outdoor area on campus, including: 1. Worcester Main Campus: the outdoor picnic area in front of the Fuller Center Building. Expressive activities may also be conducted in the lobby of Surprenant Building or inside the Fuller Student Center; 2. Downtown Campus location: the second floor lobby; 3. Southbridge Campus location: the third floor student lounge. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted as limiting expressive activities at any other publicly accessible location on College property so long as the expressive activity or related student conduct does not disrupt College activities or functions or violate any other applicable College policies. Disruptive activities, which are generally prohibited, may include obstructing building entrances or exits, walkways, sidewalks, vehicular or pedestrian traffic on or adjacent to campus, and/or interfering with the College's academic mission, classes, meetings, events, ceremonies or with other essential processes of the College. The College reserves the right to impose reasonable and content-neutral time, place and manner restrictions on expressive activities as constitutionally appropriate and to prohibit any expressive activities that seek to incite imminent violence or constitute harassment, threats, defamation or obscenities. It shall not be inferred or implied that any expressive activity conducted in accordance with this policy is approved or endorsed by the College.

The College strongly encourages students who wish to engage in expressive activities in publicly accessible locations on campus to contact the Dean of Students Office at 508-854-2717 in order to schedule the desired location in advance so as to minimize possible conflicts. Priority for use of specific locations is given to students who register their activities with the College. Use of any non-publicly accessible locations on campus by any student must be scheduled through the Student Life and Leadership Office.

When distributing literature on campus, it is strongly recommended that all such literature bear the name of the individual, club or organization distributing the materials. The distribution of literature for the purpose of solicitation or commercial activity is strictly prohibited.

In order to ensure that individuals and groups who are not affiliated with the College understand the College's policies and procedures concerning expressive activities on campus, all unaffiliated

individuals or groups must first contact the Dean of Students at 508-854-2717 at least 48 hours before engaging in any expressive activities on College property.

### **Policy on Guest Speakers**

As part of the educational process, students are encouraged to invite guest speakers to campus who have a demonstrated expertise in an area of interest to the College community. Recognized student clubs and organizations may invite to the College any person who contributes to the intellectual or cultural life of the College. Individual students wishing to invite a speaker to campus should seek the sponsorship of a recognized student club or organization.

In order to derive maximum benefit from a guest speaker's presence on campus, it is recommended that prior to extending a final invitation the sponsoring recognized student club or organization consult with the Student Life and Leadership Office and with faculty in related fields of expertise to assist the College in its efforts to offer a full, varied, and balanced program of guest speakers that will result in the broadest exchange of ideas and opinions.

A guess speaker program may be subject to reasonable and content-neutral time, place and manner restrictions and speech that seeks to incite imminent violence or constitutes harassment, threats, defamation or obscenities is prohibited. It shall not be inferred or implied that any guest speaker program conducted in accordance with this policy is approved or endorsed by the College.

To schedule College facilities for a guest speaker program, please contact the Student Activities Office at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance in order to ensure proper planning and the availability of security, facility equipment and/or personnel and/or food services, to the extent requested or required. College facilities will be assigned based on space availability.

### **Policy on Fundraising and Solicitation**

Solicitation and commercial activities are prohibited on College property without the College's prior, written consent. Prohibited solicitation includes, but is not limited to, the posting of advertisements for the sale of goods or services on College property. Fundraising of a personal or political nature are strictly prohibited.

The College may permit fundraising activities by College-affiliated persons or groups, including recognized student groups and organizations, in direct support of their College related activities. All fundraising materials shall bear the name of the person or group conducting the activity. All fundraising activities by College affiliated persons or groups, including fundraising materials, must be authorized by the Director of Student Life and Leadership and in compliance with the College's fundraising guidelines as established by the Student Life and Leadership Office, located in Room 103 SC. Fundraising activities conducted in noncompliance with this policy are expressly not approved or endorsed by the College and are prohibited.

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