

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE POLICY ON UNAUTHORIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Muhlenberg College endorses the rights of its students to freedom of association and freedom of expression. At the same time, like most private colleges and universities, Muhlenberg has established policies governing student organizations and student behavior on and off campus. The intent of this policy is to clarify and confirm the applicability of the College's rules and regulations to students participating in organizations not recognized by the College. Muhlenberg recognizes that students, as members of the Allentown and Lehigh Valley communities, have a right to belong to a wide range of community organizations. Student behavior as members of such community organizations is, however, still subject to College standards, rules, and regulations whether or not such behavior takes place on or off campus. Furthermore, student organizations that have lost College recognition through judicial sanctions or that withdraw from the College or terminate their existence while disciplinary proceedings are pending against the organization, but continue to function, even under a different name will be deemed "unauthorized student organizations" and are not, and will not be, considered "community organizations." Any student who is an actual or prospective member of, or otherwise participates in, an "unauthorized student organization" will be subject to disciplinary action through the College's judicial system and may be subject to sanctions which include probation, suspension, or expulsion. Recognized College organizations that partner with any "unauthorized student organizations" may also be subject to sanctions which include probation, suspension, or permanent withdrawal of recognition. All current and future "community organizations" and not "unauthorized student organizations" are subject to College review to assure that they are truly community organizations and not unauthorized student organizations. Criteria used in making such judgments will include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the membership of any such organization, the nature and focus of its activities (including recruiting activities), and the facilities utilized by the organization.

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