



Student Organization Handbook

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Welcome Message from the Campus Engagement Team

University of the Incarnate Word

Dear Cardinals,

Welcome to a new academic year at the University of the Incarnate Word! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another incredible year, we're so excited to have you as part of this vibrant and caring community.

As the Director of Campus Engagement, I want to personally encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities waiting for you outside the classroom. From student organizations and leadership programs to campus traditions, and cultural celebrations, there's a place for *everyone* to get involved, build community, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

UIW is more than a university, it's a home where your voice matters, your culture is celebrated, and your growth is supported. The friendships you will form and the experiences you will gain through co-curricular life can be some of the most meaningful parts of your time here.

To our student leaders: thank you for the energy, passion, and purpose you bring to our campus. You help shape the UIW experience for so many others. To our new and returning students, we invite you to step in, show up, and try something new. You belong here, and we are here to help you thrive.

Make this year count, get connected, stay involved, and let us know how we can support you along the way.

Wishing you a joyful, successful, and unforgettable year ahead!

With Cardinal Pride,

Campus Engagement

University of the Incarnate Word

University Mission Statement

The first Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, three young French women motivated by the love of God and their recognition of God's presence in each person, came to San Antonio in 1869 to minister to the sick and the poor. Their spirit of Christian service is perpetuated in the University of the Incarnate Word primarily through teaching and scholarship, encompassing research and artistic expression. Inspired by Judeo-Christian values, the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, and Catholic Social Teaching, the University of the Incarnate Word aims to educate men and women who will become concerned and enlightened citizens within the global community.

The University of the Incarnate Word is committed to educational excellence in a context of faith in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God. Thus, through a liberal education, the university cultivates the development of the whole person and values of life-long learning. To that end, faculty and students support each other in the search for and communication of truth, thoughtful innovation, care of the environment, community service, and social justice.

The University of the Incarnate Word is a Catholic institution that welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good.



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Student Organizations

Involvement in student organizations is an integral part of your college experience at the University of the Incarnate Word. Student organizations contribute positively to the campus and local community, adhere to upholding the University mission, and abide by all UIW policies governing both for individual students and student organizations. Many benefits are extended to registered student organizations, such as the ability to reserve campus spaces, promote organization activities through various forms of advertising, and the ability to apply for funding from the Student Government Association funds. With more than 60 registered organizations, there is something for everyone!

Categories

- Academic/Professional
- Athletics
- Club sports
- Greek
- Honor Society
- Multicultural
- Religious Service
- Special Interest
- Spirit
- University Sponsored

Academic Honor Societies

- Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First-Year Students
- Golden Key International
- Kappa Delta Epsilon Honorary Professional Education Fraternity
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Nursing Honor Society
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- International Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society
- Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society
- Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society
- Society of Leadership & Success,
- Sigma Alpha Pi

University Sponsored Organizations

- Campus Activities Board (CAB)
- UIW Ambassadors
- Student Government Association
- University Mission and Ministry Peer Ministers

Social/Service Greek Letter Organizations

1. Sororities

- Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority
- Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority

2. Fraternities

- Omega Delta Phi
- Kappa Sigma

General Policies for Student Organizations

Student Organizations

Student organizations are established and registered at the University of the Incarnate Word for the purpose of complementing and extending the educational program and furthering the spiritual, intellectual, social, and career development of students.

Registration of student organizations is essential to take advantage of designated University services, facilities and financial support. The registration process is designed to enfranchise student organizations for inclusion in overall campus life.

New Student Organization Application Process

Students interested in forming a new organization must schedule a meeting with the Campus Engagement Coordinator or designee to discuss the proposed organization and requirements for recognition. New student organizations can register at any time during the fall and spring semesters. No student organization will be permitted to use resources or benefits associated with registration until all registration requirements are met. Students interested in starting a new organization must visit Engage to submit the New Student Organization Registration packet. When creating a new organization, keep in mind the policies and requirements outlined in this section.

Name Policy

Names of the organization must not violate copyrights or licensing laws, must not be defamatory in nature, and must not contain profanity, derogatory words or themes, innuendo or lewd language. Organizations who wish to include UIW in the name of the organization can only do so in the following format:

- UIW ABC organization

Organizations are not permitted to use the following format:

- UIW ABC organization

Membership Requirements

- Membership in UIW student organizations may not be restricted on the basis of race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age or handicap. Social fraternities and sororities are permitted by law to limit their membership to a single gender.
- A minimum of eight (8) students in good academic (2.5 or greater), financial and disciplinary standing is required to form an organization.
- Members of any student organization may request that their names and/or directory information be withheld from public information under the Family Rights and Privacy Act. This should be noted on the registration documents.

New Student Organization Registration Packet

- Submit the following in the registration packet found on UIW Engage
- New Student Organization Application
- Membership Roster
- Student Organization Agency Account Authorization
- One electronic copy of the organization's current constitution and bylaws One copy of regional or national constitution (if applicable)
- Religious organizations requesting registration must also attain approval from University Mission and Ministry
- All Greek organizations should refer to the Greek Expansion guidelines

Officer Requirements

- All officers must be registered full-time students of UIW and must be in good academic, financial and disciplinary standing. NOTE: Student organizations may require specific GPA standards for its officers.
- NOTE: ALL students who hold officer positions and are expected to graduate or will no longer be a part of the organization, must relay all officer duties and responsibilities to onboarding members. Duties and responsibilities include navigating UIW Engage, communication with the Office of Campus Engagement, and with on-campus advisor.

Advisor

Each student organization must enlist a UIW faculty/ administrator/staff member to serve as an advisor. Graduate assistants/students may not serve as advisor. The advisor supports the group's activities and aids in the overall success and excellence of the organization and its members. If any organization is having difficulty in finding an advisor, the Student Organizations Coordinator or designee will aid in identifying someone to assist the group.

For additional information visit the Role of an Advisor section of this policy.

New Student Organization Approval Process

The Office of Campus Engagement is available to assist you in the process of creating a new student organization. Upon receipt, the packet will be reviewed in the following order:

- The Office of Campus Engagement
- Final reviewer: Dean of Campus Life or Director of Campus Engagement
- Approval will be confirmed at the next scheduled SGA General Assembly.

Each reviewer will look for the following in the registration packet:

- Articulation of the goals of the organization to insure they are not duplicating another registered student organization.
- Consistency with the mission of University of the Incarnate Word and values of the Catholic Church.
- Democratic ideals as articulated in the organization's constitution.
- Following approval by the student organization coordinator or designee, the organization will be recommended to the General Assembly of the Student Government Association. The General Assembly may either recommend registration or withhold its recommendation of approval. At least one member of the potential organization must be present to give an overview and answer questions; otherwise the application will be tabled until the next scheduled General Assembly meeting.

Greek Life Expansion Policy

Greek letter fraternities and sororities, defined as single sex social Greek letter organizations, may establish chapters at UIW only through formal invitation extended by the University and the respective Greek council. Contact the Greek Life coordinator for more information on procedures for expansion.

Process for Reactivating an Existing Student Organization Charter

Student organizations that remain inactive for less than one year may gain active status by reaching compliance with the Campus Life organizational expectations. All organizations that remain inactive for more than one year must resubmit as a new organization and regain active status.

Organizational Expectations

Student organizations are expected to register annually with the Office of Campus Engagement, operate within their stated mission, and abide by all University policies governing student organizations. Failure to adhere to recognition policies may result in the loss of privileges and/or loss of university recognition. The decision is vested with the Director of Campus Engagement and the Dean of Campus Life. To maintain official University recognition, a student group must adhere to the following:

- Renew the organization's recognition every spring semester by April 15th.
- Maintain an active membership at a minimum of eight members. Failure to do so may result in loss of recognition per discretion of the Director of Campus Engagement.
- Submit any changes during the year in officers, the constitution, or bylaws via UIW Engage.
- Maintain an advisor who is a faculty member, an administrator, or staff member.
- Obtain Campus Engagement approval for all events on a timely basis
- Refrain from discrimination in membership on the basis of gender, race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or political affiliation
- Provide representatives to participate in all mandatory student organization workshops instructed by the Office of Campus Engagement. Student leaders and advisors will receive information regarding updates to University policies and procedures, leadership development opportunities, and state-mandated risk management training.

Registered/Recognized Student Organization Privileges

All registered/recognized student organizations are granted the following privileges:

- To register your student organization, consistent with University policies, regulations and mission, and local, state, and federal laws.
- To use the name of University of the Incarnate Word in all information, publicity, and references in a manner consistent with the policies contained in the style guide and the Student Handbook.
- To establish an agency account with the Business Office for use in organizational financial transactions and purchases.
- To use the services and assistance of the Office of Campus Engagement in planning, executing and evaluating programs and activities.
- To use available campus facilities and equipment, approved via 25Live.
- To use campus publicity consistent with University regulations and policies.
- To recruit members from the student body.
- To request financial assistance from the Student Government Association to further the goals and objectives of the organization and University.

Constitutions

Student organizations are expected to have an up-to-date constitution and/or by-law on file with the offices of Campus Engagement. The document should be uploaded to UIW Engage. These documents are required to contain the following:

- Name of organization (and any national affiliation)
- Concise statement of purpose, goals, etc.
- Clear definition of membership requirements
- List of officers, their duties, and requirements
- Meetings and quorums to conduct business.
- Process for the assessment of dues and other finances
- Amendments to the constitution
- Statement of dissolution

Risk Management

Risk Management Training Requirement

In compliance with the State of Texas Education Code (§51.9361), the Office of Campus Engagement at the University of the Incarnate Word requires all registered student organizations to complete annual Risk Management Training. This training is mandatory and must be attended by the following individuals from each organization:

- The President (or equivalent student leader)
- The Risk Management Officer (or equivalent role)
- The organization's Advisor(s)

Additional officers and members are strongly encouraged to attend, and the training is open to all students.

The purpose of this training is to educate student leaders and advisors on risk-related issues, including but not limited to:

- Alcohol and drug use
- Hazing
- Sexual misconduct and harassment
- Fire and safety procedures
- Travel policies
- Behavior at off-campus events

Knowledge of risk management is essential for the safe planning and execution of all organizational events and activities. The Offices of Campus Engagement and Campus Life are available to advise on proposed events and provide guidance on how to mitigate risks.

All Event Approval Forms are reviewed to assess potential and perceived risks. The University reserves the right to request a written Risk Management Plan and may revise, postpone, or decline event approval to ensure the safety and well-being of students and the broader UIW community.

Failure to comply with Risk Management Training requirements may result in the suspension of organizational privileges, including event approvals and funding access.

Student Honor Societies

Student honor societies provide an important mechanism that recognizes students who have achieved outstanding academic scholarship. The organization is supervised by an academic department but must also follow the policies and procedures as outlined within this handbook. The appropriate Dean will be responsible for designating one individual to be responsible for the academic honor society as an advisor. In addition to the role of advisor as administered by Campus Life, the assigned advisor works with the Dean to allocate money to the society, coordinate membership selection, and coordinate induction ceremonies for new members.

Each honor society is responsible for providing updated contact information to the offices of Campus Life via UIW Engage.

Religious Organizations

The University of the Incarnate Word is committed to encouraging the personal faith life of all its members and affirms the spirituality of its faculty, students, and staff members of varying religious backgrounds and persuasions. All religious groups on campus must operate within the guidelines of University Mission and Ministry; however, it must also register with the Campus Engagement office. The basic guidelines include:

1. All religious groups and activities are to be pre-approved by University Mission and Ministry.
2. Every religious group must identify the particular church or denomination with which they are affiliated and make this clear in all advertising on campus.
3. All advertising materials must be approved by University Mission and Ministry.

Groups must promote respect for others' religious beliefs and practices. To this end, no group or individual member of a group may proselytize (seek to make converts of) or promote anti-Catholicism doctrine in any way.

Student Organization Membership

Eligibility for Participation

UIW students enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours are eligible to participate in student organizations and/or serve as officers. Graduate and Doctoral students are exempt from this requirement.

Academic Eligibility

All student organizations are left to determine their own academic eligibility requirements.

Graduate Students

Graduate students may participate in student organizations that do not prevent graduate student membership in their constitution and/or bylaws. Graduate students may participate as either student members of an organization or as a secondary advisor. No graduate student may serve as a primary advisor of any student organization.

New Member Procedures

The University of the Incarnate Word policies supersedes policies set forth by national headquarters or sponsoring entities for all organizations. The Dean of Campus Life or designee may consider exceptions as long as it does not conflict with University policies.

Organizations participating in Recruitment Processes

Any student organization that actively recruits new members with a new member education program must comply with the following guidelines:

- All organizations must notify the Director of Campus Engagement of intent to hold new member education and provide an outline of schedule per semester.
- All new member programs are limited to a maximum of eight weeks from the beginning of the new member program through initiation.
- New member activities will be confined to the hours between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. unless otherwise approved by the Director of Campus Engagement.

Role of an Advisor

Student organizations are required to have a minimum of one faculty member, administrator, or staff member employed at the University to serve as an advisor. Graduate assistants/students may not serve as advisor. The critical role of the advisor is to serve as a valuable resource to the organization. The student organization advisor's role is as follows:

Advisors are trained and knowledgeable about the student rules related to student organizations and are great resources about policies and procedures.

Advisors should have access to the guiding documents and policies for the student organization. Make sure your advisor has an updated copy of your constitution and operations manual.

Advisors are trained to report and follow up on any discipline issues for the organization and/or its members.

Advisors are here to support and guide your organization, empowering you to make fair, intelligent, and reasonable decisions based on the information and guiding boundaries at your disposal.

This definition adopted from: Bickel, R.D., & Lake, P.F. (1999). The rights and responsibilities of the modern university: Who assumes the risks of college life? Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990

The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 is a federal mandate which requires all current students and employees be provided with information on policies and procedures involving campus security, the reporting of criminal action or other emergencies, and the enforcement authority of security personnel. This information must also include descriptions of programs for students and employees about campus security and crime prevention, as well as statistics on the occurrence of specific crimes. Notification of the annual report is made by the UIW Police Chief and the full report is posted on the University website annually and written copies are available upon request.

University Statement on Hazing

A new member program should offer personal development, education, and enriching experiences.

Hazing is a destructive and harassing activity that violates state and national laws. In turn, the University of the Incarnate Word regards any form of physical or mental hazing as an unproductive and hazardous custom contrary to the Mission of UIW. The University of the Incarnate Word issues the following extension of the State of Texas law. Under the current law, individuals or organizations could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense for hazing.

Hazing is a violation of both state law and university regulations. According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding, or attempting another in hazing by knowingly or recklessly allowing hazing to occur or by failing to report in writing to the appropriate university official firsthand knowledge that a hazing incident has occurred. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under state law.

See Texas Hazing Laws: Title 2, G, Chapter 37, Subchapter F, 37.151. This law includes:

Sec. 37.151. DEFINITIONS.

Sec. 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE Sec. 37.153. ORGANIZATION

HAZING OFFENSE

Sec. 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE

Sec. 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE

Sec. 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS Sec. 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate university official, and that person is immunized from participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from that report. The penalty for failing to report a hazing incident is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary accordingly to the severity of the injury, which results. These penalties range from \$500 to \$10,000 in fines and/or up to two years confinement.

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of the University of the Incarnate Word to enforce its own rules against hazing. The Office of Campus Engagement will address hazing incidents involving university student organizations or groups, with all individual referrals made.

The law defines hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the physical and mental health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization or group whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

Because of our dedication to the highest ideals of education and society at the University of the Incarnate Word, participation in hazing related activities is not consistent with membership in any university organization or group and will not be tolerated, whether the participation is as an instigator or as a victim. It is the responsibility of all organization officers or groups to ensure that this information is distributed, read and understood by all members of their organization or group.

Ignorance of this information is not a defense to university disciplinary procedures, civil, or criminal liability.

Hazing may be physical or mental. Physical and mental hazing includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

Physical Hazing

- Paddling & Beating
 - Branding
 - Electric shock
 - Sleep deprivation
 - Whipping
 - Exposure to the elements
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- Confinement to an area that is either uncomfortable or dangerous
 - Running
 - Personal servitude
 - Treasure hunts
 - Road trips
 - Line-ups
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- Consumption of a substance (food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substance) either by peer pressure or threats
 - Placing of a harmful substance in or on the body or similar act
 - Calisthenics

Mental Hazing

- Long pledge periods - Shame or humiliation
 - Activities that induce, cause, or require students to perform a duty or task that violates Penal Code
 - Mental stress
 - Activities that adversely affect mental health or dignity of students that will discourage entering or remaining registered at UIW, or leaving the organization or group
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- Verbal harassment
 - Lack of study time during pledge periods
 - Yelling or screaming Activities that intimidate or threaten with ostracism
 - “Hell weeks” or sessions

To report an incident, go to:

<https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivoftheIncarnateWord>

Student Organization Activities

Event Planning

All events and activities scheduled on or off campus, such as speakers, parties, field trips and fund-raising activities, must be coordinated and approved by the Office of Campus Engagement. This approval allows the event to be publicized on campus. In addition, when five or more members of a registered student organization participate in an activity, it is considered an official organization event and must be approved by the Office of Campus Engagement.

An Event Approval form via UIW Engage is required for ALL and ANY events hosted by the organization.

Expectations for All-University Events

- Events should be true to the University Mission.
- Events should use resources effectively to achieve organizational missions and goals.
- Events should help students develop coherent values and ethical standards.
- Events should engage students in active learning.
- Events should build supportive and inclusive communities.

Activities that are controversial or advocate values adverse to the civic or university community may not be approved. An event not approved by the University may not be conducted in the name of the student organization or in the name of the University of the Incarnate Word. No funds from the organization may be used for its support and the activity may not be advertised on campus. Organizations that wish to appeal the decisions concerning organizational events may do so to the Dean of Campus Life.

Approval Procedures

The Office of Campus Engagement can approve activities only if at least two officers and the advisor of the organization have attended the Risk Management Workshop (or as scheduled for new student organizations).

1. An Event Approval form must be submitted on UIW Engage. It is highly recommended to submit the Event Approval Form several weeks in advance of the date to publicize the event, secure a specific campus location, or ensure the SGA has ample time to consider funding requests. When SGA funding is necessary, the request must be submitted according to the time frame noted in the allocation guidelines.
2. The Office of Campus Engagement will notify you of the final decision within one working week. If your event is approved (you can check on UIW Engage under My Account and My Submissions. Your event will be listed with the word, (Accept). If your event is not approved, you may schedule an appointment with the Office of Campus Engagement to discuss the reason(s) why it has not been approved. Do not sign any contracts for purchases, invitations, guest speaker confirmations, etc., until you have received approval from the Office of Campus Engagement. You will not be able to reserve space until the Event Approval request has been approved.
3. Final approval from the Director of Campus Engagement indicates the University's approval of the event. Activities involving alcohol require the approval of the Director of Campus Engagement and Chief of Campus Police and have further coordination requirements. Please submit your requests through UIW Engage at least 30 days in advance to successfully complete the process and have the event.
4. Events may not be publicized until the Event Approval Form has been approved.

5. Travel off campus requires a Request for Excursion Approval. Participants must also file liability waiver forms with the Office of Campus Life prior to departure. See the section on Trips below.
6. For your protection, the Office of Campus Life will request liability waivers and/or copies of insurance coverage for any questionable or risky activities held on or off campus.
7. Week or Month of Activities - If your student organization is planning a week or month of activities, submit a form for each separate event. Each event will be approved separately. Failure to do so may result in your event being cancelled. If your organization is holding the same event for the entire week or month, only one event approval form is required but please specify that in your submission.
8. High Risk events will require an additional Risk Management plan that details how the group will manage each risk. Please set-up a meeting with the Director of Campus Engagement and/or his/her designee to have the list approved. Even after the list is approved, the University has the right to request additional modifications to the Risk Management plan to ensure the safety of all participants.
9. When your event has been approved by the Office of Campus Engagement, it is the responsibility of the student organization to reserve the space/location with the appropriate office. This includes the set-up of tables and chairs and media services.

Fine Descriptions	Fine Amounts
Event publicized before approved	\$ 25
Liability form not filled out for the event	\$ 25 per member, amount not to exceed \$300
Failure to complete an off-campus event form	\$ 50
Event held at a different location than approval form	\$ 75
Failure to complete proper travel documentation	\$ 100
Event without approval	\$ 100

Guest Speaker Policy

The University of the Incarnate Word recognizes that freedom of speech and academic freedom are an integral part of the university community.

This policy on public speakers refers to presentations or performances that are intended for or open to the entire university or to the general public. It does not refer to or diminish the right of student organization advisors to invite guest speakers to a student organization meeting. As stated in the Faculty Handbook, "Instructors may schedule off-campus speakers to appear before classes. However, the instructor in charge of the class is completely responsible for the acceptability of such a speaker and his or her relevance to the course." This policy likewise recognizes the right of student organizations to hear presentations that reflect the interests for which the group was established.

The University of the Incarnate Word is committed to its role as an academic institution in which a variety of ideas can be responsibly presented and critically examined. As the mission of our institution states: "The University of the Incarnate Word is a Catholic institution that welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good." Because the university is a teaching/learning community, it provides a forum for speakers and performances that will be of interest and benefit primarily to our students, the leaders of tomorrow, and faculty, and in some cases, the general public.

The goal is to encourage reasoned and respectful discussion about serious issues of the day, without the expectation of total agreement in the end.

The University of the Incarnate Word, as a not-for-profit institution, is obliged to comply with federal and state regulations which prohibit the support of political candidates, political parties or political positions pending before legislative bodies. The university does not sponsor programs designed to raise funds for political candidates, parties, or positions. UIW provides equal access to candidates and political opinions to stimulate the kind of debate that will educate our students about political agendas and issues that are important in the electoral process.

The university values its identity as a Catholic university sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. It seeks to balance diverse theological opinions within the Catholic community but does not provide a platform for attack or derision directed to the Catholic Church, its governance or doctrine or any other religions, beliefs, or practices. It does provide the space and opportunity to address difficult contemporary questions and does this in a way that advances understanding and does not silence contrary opinion.

Procedures:

1. When an invitation to a speaker or performance group is being seriously considered, and before an invitation or contract is initiated, the student organization will give the Office of Campus Engagement the information about the speaker, topic, etc.
2. If the dean in discussion with the director, or faculty advisor sees no connection to or conflict with the UIW Speakers Policy, the event is cleared, and the student organization may proceed.
3. If the dean, after discussion with the director, or faculty advisor has concerns about the speakers or presenters involved or the content or topic being addressed, the next step will be to discuss the matter with the provost, who in turn will seek guidance from knowledgeable experts on campus.
4. In light of the UIW Speakers Policy, and after sufficient dialogue, the provost will decide about whether or not an invitation should be extended.

Travel Policy/Event Planning Guidelines

To obtain approval, student organizations must file the following information with their Event Approval Request at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event:

- A trip itinerary with expected times of actual travel to and from site
- Signed waivers from the persons participating.
- Copies of driver's licenses and proof of liability insurance for each driver when applicable
- A detailed risk management plan

A designated advisor is highly encouraged to accompany each student travel group. The advisor overseeing the off-campus activity shall be identified as the Responsible University Official (RUO). The RUO is responsible for compliance with these procedures. In the event the RUO cannot attend the function with the student group, the RUO can appoint a student(s) leader to oversee the student group.

A mandatory orientation will be provided by the RUO for participants prior to the trip. Participants should be informed of as much detail about the trip as possible, including any known risks. Expected behavior and provisions for transportation accommodations will be clearly expressed.

The University Field Trip Release, Waiver of Liability, & Hold Harmless Form must be completed by each participant and retained by the student organization for two years.

Travel utilizing personal vehicles or University owned vehicles shall only drive to destinations within a 300-mile radius of the UIW Main Campus. Rented vehicles shall be used for trips within the continental US and within 300 miles radius of the campus. Only an authorized University driver is permitted to drive personal vehicles, University vehicles, and rented vehicles. Rented vehicles shall only be rented through Vehicle Services and cannot be independently rented by the RUO or a student(s).

Travel beyond a 300-mile radius requires the use of a University vehicle/shuttle/bus or rented vehicle with a driver employed by the University.

Modes of travel

Listed below are the basic means of travel to students:

1. **Personal Vehicle:** Students driving privately owned vehicles for organized student travel within the United States must have a valid Texas or other state driver's license and possess personal automobile insurance coverage as mandated by the State of Texas, and their vehicles must have a current state inspection and registration. Students must also be on the Authorized University Driver roster.
2. **Vehicle owned, leased or rented by the University:** Only University employees and students on the Authorized University Driver roster are authorized to drive University owned, leased, or rented vehicles. The use of University owned, leased, or rented vehicles is the preferred mode of transportation for off-campus travel.
3. **Air Travel:** Students traveling by air transportation must comply with all federal laws regulating air travel and the rules of the specific airline. This includes rules regulating carry-on baggage and baggage weight restrictions. Air travel must be made through the University's authorized travel agency, CTP/Rennert Travel Group at 972-292-1913. You may also reach the CTP/Rennert Travel Group, Gail Genthner, by e-mail at gail@ggenthner.com or by fax at 972-292-2104.

Driver Authorization

To become an authorized driver, a vehicle operator must possess a valid Texas Vehicle Operator's License and be added to the approved driver's list maintained by the University's Transportation Director. Before being placed on the approved drivers' list, the Transportation Director will verify the individual's driving record through the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Driving records will be checked on an annual basis. A good driving record must be maintained. Authorized drivers must be 21 years of age or older.

Organization Finances, Taxes, & Law

Every registered student organization at UIW is required to maintain an agency account through the Business Office. The Business Office will set up an agency account for new registered student organizations upon receipt of the Organizational Agency Account Authorization by the Director of Campus Engagement and approval by SGA. Your organization is responsible for all charges and deposits made to the account. Outstanding balances to the University must be cleared before the end of the semester. When the account is closed, the organization is still responsible for any outstanding charges payable to the University; any balance is distributed according to the group's instructions on the Agency Account Authorization form. A student organization must operate its financial affairs in an orderly and responsible manner. The University oversees financial operations and assists organizational leaders in accomplishing their goals. Organizations have income, expenses, and often make agreements with third parties. Each of these operations requires record keeping and careful accounting. The University assumes no responsibility for the financial transactions of a given student organization, and it strongly recommends that each organization establish whatever controls it deems necessary via the organization's constitution and bylaws.

Agency accounts, established through the Comptroller's Office, provide the following benefits:

- The ability to use the University's purchasing system, thereby avoiding state sales tax
- Coverage of funds against registered theft
- Continuity of account when officers change

Exemption from Sales Tax

Your registered organization is only exempt from sales tax when submitting a university purchase order. For information on how to generate a purchase order, please contact Campus Life for assistance. The Comptroller's Office will not reimburse you for any sales tax paid.

In-Kind Donations

In-kind donations are non-cash gifts of merchandise or service. Prior to soliciting monetary or in-kind donations, consult the Development Office for an approved list of vendors to approach. Any in-kind donations received by student organizations should be recorded on the form "In-Kind Donations" (Form G). These forms can be obtained from the Development Office. The completed form should be returned to the Development Office, which will then send the donor a letter acknowledging receipt of the gift.

To comply with the IRS Tax Code, the letter will verify that the donor did not receive anything (gift or service) in consideration of their gift to the organization. The following sentence will be used in the letter: In compliance with IRS Code Section 170(f) (8), this letter also serves as verification that you received no goods or services from the University of the Incarnate Word in consideration for your gift. In addition, an organization leader should always write a thank you note to the donor.

Deposits: Student Accounts

All funding collected for deposit will be deposited with the UIW Business Office. When depositing monies, the following account should be used: 7xxxx-6106-5918-50000

All checks deposited will have the above account number written on each check.

A receipt will be generated. You should keep the receipt for your records and compare this to your monthly budget report.

All deposits must be approved by Amy DeAtley in the Comptroller's Office. Expenditure Types

Funds can be paid out in four ways depending on the type of request. All disbursements are charged to (your 5-digit account number) 7XXXX-6105-6851-18000.

Type of Disbursement	When to Use	Additional Comments
Petty Cash	For incidental expenses	Limit of \$200. Please return all receipts and remaining cash to the Business Office within 48 hours of withdrawal of these funds. If any receipts or money are lost, the amount will be charged to the account of the student who withdrew the cash.
Check Requests	When product or service has already been received	Also, for payments in advance when dollar amount is known, such as dues.
Purchase Orders	For organizational purposes.	Purchase Orders are required to purchase items and should be the primary way of purchasing goods for your organization. Click here
University Charges	Automatically applied to account for certain on-campus services	Includes mailing, copying and printing services

Before securing the services of an individual person, it is wise to meet with your advisor and/or the Director of Campus Engagement for guidance. Professional fees from individuals may require additional information and paperwork between the vendor and Accounts Payable before the disbursement request will be processed. The following information describes the typical process involved with each expenditure type.

Petty Cash

Cash for off-campus purchases may be obtained from the Business Office, which is open 8 am- 5 pm, Monday-Friday. The following rules apply to petty cash requests: Violation of these rules will result in suspension of petty cash privileges.

- There is a limit of \$200.
- Only one petty cash request may be made at any given time.
- Designated officers (President and Treasurer) must sign for petty cash. The form must be signed by the advisor for approval then initialed by the Comptroller's office.
- Purchase can be made only after approvals are obtained. The University does NOT reimburse sales tax. Remember to take the sales tax exemption form with you when making purchases. The sales tax exemption form can only be used with on-campus accounts and for organization expenses. The exemption does not cover personal expenditures.
- Turn in original receipts and any change to the Business Office within ten days of issuance. You will need to tape all receipts to an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper.

Checks

When a disbursement exceeds \$200 but less than \$500, a check Requisition Form must be obtained from the Accounts Payable Department. The form is filled out and signed by the organization's representative AND the organization's advisor. The Check Requisition Form is submitted to Amy DeAtley for approval. Once approved, the requisition is submitted to the Accounts Payable Department for processing. Checks are picked up in the Accounts Payable Department.

When a disbursement exceeds \$500, a purchase requisition must be submitted. It is submitted to Amy DeAtley for approval and is forwarded to the Purchasing Department or Accounts Payable for processing.

All check disbursements are charged to account:

7xxx-6106-6851-18000

Purchase Orders

Purchase orders (P.O.) are required for all purchases of goods or services shipped on credit. For student organizations, purchase requisitions are done on paper. Purchase Requisition forms are available from both the Purchasing and Business Offices or may be reproduced by any individual office. Purchases made before a valid purchase order is prepared, processed and approved will not be accepted by the Business Office for payment. Designated officers (President or Treasurer) must sign the PO. The form must be signed by the advisor for approval then initialed by the Comptroller's office.

Please note that submission of the Purchase Requisition is not authorization to place an order. The required authorization is an approved, computer-generated purchase order with the assigned PO number. Please allow at least 24 hours for the requisition to be processed. The process involves:

Log and time stamp your completed Purchase Requisition as part of its submission to the Purchasing Office. Be sure handwritten forms are legible. The signatures of the organization's advisor AND president are required. It must be approved by Amy DeAtley in the Comptroller's Office - AD 175.

The organization picks up the approved purchase order from Purchasing. The organization is responsible for mailing or faxing the white original copy to the vendor to confirm the order and give invoicing instructions. Invoices must go to Accounts Payable.

University Charges

Some campus departments, such as the mailroom and printing services, charge fees for their services. The organization submits the appropriate form for these services in advance of the order just like a petty cash request, which goes to the Comptroller's Office for approval and then to the specific department for fulfillment. Charges will be applied directly to the agency account.

Sales & Solicitation - Sodexo

The University contracts with Sodexo for the exclusive right and license to sell and manually dispense food and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, on campus. Sodexo has the contractual right to bid on the provision of food services at all on-campus events. All events where more than \$250 of food will be ordered must be bid by Sodexo.

Using Sodexo

The organization must state fully what food items will be served in a request to use Sodexo. Sodexo is under no obligation to partially cater an event (i.e., coffee served by Sodexo and cookies baked by the organization).

Outside Caterers

The University contracts with Sodexo for the exclusive right and license to sell and manually dispense food and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, on campus. Sodexo has the contractual right to bid on the provision of food services at all on-campus events.

Organizations obtain catering bids from Sodexo and outside vendors when considering third-party services. Written verification of all bids should be provided to the Sodexo Manager. If the Sodexo bid is higher than a bid from an outside firm with comparable service, the Sodexo Manager may give permission to use the outside firm. Use of outside catering is authorized if Sodexo waives its right to service.

Sale of Food on Campus

Registered and University Sponsored student organizations are allowed to provide their own food and beverage for a campus event. This means that the organization must prepare its own food products.

1. Food may only be sold in predetermined locations as approved by the Office of Campus Engagement.
2. Signs indicating the name of the selling organization must be posted at the site of the food sale activity.
3. Generally limited to non-commercially produced cookies, candies, cakes, donuts not presently being sold by Sodexo. Foods that require heating may be sold only if requirements of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District are met.
4. Guidelines of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District must be followed.
5. All litter resulting from the sale must be cleaned by the organization.

Fundraising Policies

To ensure that all fundraising efforts by registered student organizations at the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) align with university financial policies, promote accountability, and uphold the integrity and reputation of the institution, the following guidelines must be observed.

Fundraisers can serve as a valuable source of income for student organizations. However, fundraising activities may only be conducted by officially registered student organizations and must be approved in advance. To obtain approval, student organizations must submit an Event Approval Request through UIW Engage. A fixed location must be designated for the fundraiser; “door-to-door” solicitations are strictly prohibited.

Bake Sales

Up to four registered student organizations may host bake sales simultaneously, provided they are stationed in separate, approved locations on campus. All bake sales must be approved in advance through an Event Approval Request submitted via UIW Engage.

Please check with the Office of Campus Engagement for date and location availability before planning your event. Bake sale dates are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and approval is granted only after all required forms have been completed and submitted.

Health and Safety Guidelines

To protect the safety of all students, faculty, and staff, the following rules must be followed:

- All food items must be individually wrapped or packaged to prevent contamination from open handling.
- Bake sale items must be prepared in a clean, sanitary kitchen or commercial facility. Home-cooked goods are discouraged unless food preparation follows basic food safety protocols (clean surfaces, handwashing, proper storage, etc.).
- Foods requiring heating or refrigeration (e.g., dairy-based fillings, cream toppings, meats, etc.) may not be sold unless they meet the requirements of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

- All student organizations must provide a list of ingredients and potential allergens (e.g., nuts, dairy, gluten) for each item sold to ensure transparency and prevent allergic reactions.
- Student sellers are expected to wear gloves when handling food and to avoid cross-contact between money handling and food service.
- Hand sanitizer must be readily available at the bake sale table for both sellers and customers.

Additional Guidelines

- Organizations may not use open flames, hot plates, or heating elements at bake sale tables.

Any violations of these guidelines may result in revocation of bake sale privileges or other disciplinary action.

Bake sales can be a fun and effective way to raise funds and build community. By following these safety and procedural rules, student organizations help ensure a positive and safe experience for everyone at UIW.

Policy on Crowdfunding Platforms (e.g., GoFundMe)

Student organizations are not permitted to use GoFundMe or other third-party crowdfunding platforms to raise funds on behalf of their organization or for university affiliated activities.

These platforms do not meet the university's standards for financial oversight, transparency, or donor protection. In addition, they can create confusion regarding the official status of the organization and the university's involvement or endorsement.

All fundraising efforts must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Campus Engagement in advance. If your organization has a unique fundraising idea or need, please reach out to discuss appropriate and compliant alternatives.

Off-Campus Sales & Solicitation

Student organizations and individuals may not sell items or solicit donations off-campus in the name of the University without prior written approval from the Director of Campus Engagement and the Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Organizations must not approach potential sponsors without prior permission. Once a potential sponsor is contacted and approved, your organization must clearly outline:

- What the sponsor is offering your group
- What your group is offering the sponsor in return

Raffle Guidelines

Raffles are subject to strict regulations under Texas State Law and must comply with the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act (Chapter 2002, Texas Occupations Code).

A raffle is defined as:

"The award of one or more prizes by chance at a single occasion among a single pool or group of persons who have paid or promised a thing of value for a ticket that represents a chance to win a prize."

UIW has established the following guidelines in accordance with Texas law:

1. Required Information on Each Ticket:
 - Name of the organization conducting the raffle
 - Address, phone number, and contact person
 - Ticket price
 - General description of each prize
 - Date prizes will be awarded
 - Fair market value of each prize
2. Organizations may conduct no more than two raffles per calendar year.
3. Organizations may not sell or offer tickets for more than one raffle at a time.
4. Prizes must be awarded on the date advertised.
5. All raffle proceeds must benefit the student organization and be deposited into their official university account.
6. Organizations may not pay for advertising through mass media (TV, radio, newspaper).
7. The maximum value of any single prize is \$50,000, based on retail value or donor valuation.
8. Limit of one prize per person per raffle.

Fairness & Integrity Requirements

To protect the integrity of raffles, auctions, or similar events:

- A written plan must be in place to ensure fairness to all participants.
- The plan must be approved by the Director of Campus Engagement.
- The organization's advisor must be involved and understand their role in overseeing the fundraiser.

Policy Violations

Organizations found in violation of these policies may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Suspension of fundraising privileges
- Loss of event approvals
- Potential revocation of university recognition

Publicity- News Releases

The Office of Communications and Marketing can assist student organizations plan and implement publicity outside of the University for large-scale events. Press releases, articles and advertising in newspapers, radio, and TV must be coordinated with the Office of Communications and Marketing.

Student organizations should not contact media outlets directly, but rather work with Office of Communications and Marketing to distribute information about their event to the San Antonio community. This office should be approached during the planning stages of the publicity scheme, usually at least 6-8 weeks in advance. For more information or questions concerning how, when, and why, organizations should contact the Office of Communications and Marketing.

Posting Guidelines

Creating and Distributing Printed Materials

UIW supports the freedom to publicize activities and distribute materials by internal or external entities relating to functions on and off campus, which benefit the university community and are consistent with UIW values.

One original sample of the flyer must be submitted to the Campus Engagement Office for stamped approval. Approved flyers may be copied as necessary for distribution. Please allow 24 hours turnaround time for approval.

The following posting guidelines are shared by the entire university community to include students, faculty, and administration.

Requirements for Materials

- Posters cannot be larger than 3'x3' unless approved in advance by the Director of Campus Engagement.
- Yard signs are permitted. A map indicating where the yard signs will be displayed, and the duration of time the signs will be posted must be submitted to the Communications and Marketing Office before the signs are posted on campus.
- The materials used to chalk the sidewalks must be water-soluble, powder-based sidewalk chalk.
 - Chalking is a form of posting and must be approved when completing an Event Approval Form online. To fill out an Event Approval Form, please register at UIW Engage
- After your event is over, please take down all marketing materials within 24 hours. If that does not occur, we will impose a fine of \$25 per poster/sign removed with a total fine up to \$250. Future posters from your group/organization will not be approved until the fine is paid.

Getting the Posters Approved

Student groups and external groups:

- You must get your posters approved by the Director of Campus Engagement in the office of Campus Engagement.
- Please bring one original and make copies after your flyer is approved. If your organization or department has multiple printed or color copies, a member of your organization or department must stamp and date the flyers in the Office of Campus Engagement once approved.
- It is not the responsibility of the Office of Campus Engagement staff to post your approved flyers.

UIW departments/schools:

- Your poster design (art work) must be approved by both the UIW Office of Printing Services and Graphic Design and the UIW Communications and Marketing Office BEFORE the signs are printed/produced. You may submit to both offices simultaneously or to either office first and they will forward to the other respective office. This applies to yard signs and banners as well.

For all groups:

- Single event signage, which has been approved, may only post for a maximum of 30 days. Signage for events with multiple dates must receive special approval for extended posting durations.
- Please allow 2 business days for approval through each appropriate office.

Approved Posting Locations

All materials should be approved through the Office of Campus Engagement prior to material posting. After approval, there will be a Campus Engagement stamp with the date of last approved date for marketing. All student organization events must have been approved through UIW Engage prior to any promotions.

The Student Engagement Center has no location for physical marketing. Digital marketing can be submitted to include on the TV monitors. File guidelines and other helpful tips can be found in the 18-19 SEC Style Guide.

Building	Approved Location
1. Library	Foyer only
2. Gorman	Four corkboards on the first floor; two corkboards on the second floor
3. Nursing	Two corkboards on the first floor (by back entrance)
4. Wellness Center	One corkboard in foyer of wellness center
5. Bonilla	Three corkboards on the first floor
6. Kelso Art Center	One corkboard on the first floor; two corkboards on second floor; one corkboard on the third floor
7. Concert Hall	No all campus posting - band and orchestra only
8. AT&T	Three corkboards on the first floor; four corkboards on the second floor; four corkboards on the third floor, two corkboards on the fourth floor; three corkboards on the fifth floor
9. Admin	Seven corkboards on the first floor; three corkboards on the second floor; two corkboards on the third floor
10. Joyce	One corkboard on the first floor
11. SEC	Digital posting only (refer to 18-19 SEC Style Guide)
12. Residence Halls	Give to Residence Life Office for RAs to post inside Residence Halls
13. Dining facilities	Speak with appropriate Sodexo/dining facility to specify approved locations. No windows.

Posting Restrictions

- No posters may be attached to glass doors, windows, painted and/or varnished surfaces. No posters/flyers allowed on the ground.
- No material may be displayed without proper approval(s).
- Posters with alcohol as the primary emphasis are not allowed.
- The use of two-sided, electrical or duct-tape is not allowed.
- Covering another announcement or impairing an individual's line of sight is prohibited.
- No distribution on cars on-campus
- No posting on the Jordan Carillon Plaza, Westgate Circle, or the 1st and 2nd floors of the International Conference Center.
- No posting inside the parking garages.
- Chalking can only be on sidewalks, not on buildings, steps or other university property.
- No posting on lamp poles and other fixed structures.
- No distribution of flyers at campus events without prior approval.
- No posting on or inside campus elevators.
- All posting must be consistent with the Branding Guidelines:
<http://www.uiw.edu/styleguide/>

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in losing the privilege to distribute or post printed materials on campus for a period of time to be specified by the Director of Campus Engagement.

Literature Distribution

Any publication (newsletters, e-newsletters, brochures, etc.) created for distribution that uses the University name and/or name of your student organization must be approved by the Office of Communications and Marketing to mass printing and distribution.

Each sponsoring organization will be held responsible for the conduct of the distribution activity, including the behavior of any non-student participant. A student member of the sponsoring registered organization must supervise literature distribution. Non-students may not distribute literature on campus without specific approval by the offices of Campus Life.

Distribution must be made only at the designated area. "Hawking" of the literature is not permitted. Absolutely no printed materials may be placed on automobiles parked on the UIW campus. Posting or distribution of materials at an off-campus location requires permission of the proprietor.

Use of University Name or Logo

Organizations must submit t-shirt, clothing designs, and/or any marketing item that has UIW or the UIW logo on them to the Director of Campus Engagement prior to ordering and purchasing items. Failure to do so may result in a fine and/or sanction including but not limited to inactive status for the remainder of the semester or the academic year.

Surveys or Polls

Student organizations interested in conducting surveys or polls from the student population must request approval by the Director of Campus Engagement. A formal request may be sent via UIW Engage using the Event Approval Form.

Services & Resources

Disability Services

When members of your organization require accommodations and/or need transportation to an event, please contact the Student Disability Services Office (210-829-3997). They will assist you in determining who might be able to fund this need. Please know that a van will not be reserved unless the Event Approval form for the event has been submitted and approved.

With adequate notice of at least one week (five business days before the event), an office should provide an accessible van to transport our student(s), if funding is available.

Media Services Department

The Media Services Department can enlarge posters at a charge to the student organization. Their office is located in the library basement and can be reached at 210-829-3945.

Logos

The campus newspaper, Logos, is distributed several times each fall and spring semester. You can request Logos staff to cover special events, but schedules do not always permit their attendance. The Logos welcomes contributions from student organizations and makes every effort to publish submitted material received by the copy deadline date. Publication dates and copy deadlines for contributors are available from the Logos office at 829-3964.

Equipment

- Tables, chairs, coolers, popcorn machine, and poster making materials can be reserved through the Student Center. Submit a form via UIW Engage to reserve space in the Student Center or to reserve equipment to use at your event.

Legal Implications

- Student organizations are an important part of the co-curricular program at University of the Incarnate Word. In an increasingly litigious society, student organizations must be aware of how litigation can affect their operation. At the University, the registration process provides the organization the opportunity to use the services provided. Inherent in this recognition is a responsibility to keep advisors and other student leadership professionals informed of organization activities. In this process of communication, issues related to liability of individuals, the organization, the advisor and the University can be discussed. It is important that all participants follow the guidelines in the UIW Student Handbook and act prudently at every event; as the law describes, act as a “reasonable person” to avoid accident or injury. When you are planning an activity, trip or program, the Campus Life staff is available to discuss any concerns you may have regarding legal liability.

Mailboxes

- Registered organizations are provided a mailbox at the Campus Post Office upon request. The organization is issued a mailbox key by the Postmaster. If the key is lost, the replacement fee is \$10.00. It is recommended that you check your box at least weekly for information and important messages. If your organization uses the University as its mailing address, be sure your address is as follows:

(Name of your organization)

(Your campus box number)

University of the Incarnate Word

4301 Broadway

San Antonio, TX 78209

University Facilities

- Organizations should use their completed Event Approval Request to coordinate with appropriate offices and reserve University facilities for your events. All registered groups may rent these facilities at no charge. Several weeks’ notice is recommended for the most popular venues.

University Support

- The Office of Campus Engagement serves as the liaison between student organizations and the University. The staff provides a number of support services that can simplify the operational procedures of running a successful organization.

University Vehicles

- Student organizations can request the use of university vehicles for approved events, as vehicles are available. There is a charge for this service. The driver must be 21 or older and be a registered driver with the UIW. To check on availability and make reservations for a vehicle, call Vehicle Services at 210-829-3907. Vehicle request forms are also available at the Campus Engagement office.

Policies and procedures for Requesting Alcohol

Alcohol Policy

Failure to comply with the regulations or any component of the UIW Student Code of Conduct will result in cancellation or termination of the event. Additional sanctions or conditions may be imposed by the Director of Campus Engagement, Chief of Campus Police, or the Dean of Students or designee. Consistent with Texas State law, the following policy has been endorsed by the University of the Incarnate Word Board of Trustees:

- Students who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to have alcohol in their residence hall rooms. Students who are of legal drinking age may not share or provide alcohol to any student, employee or guest who is under 21 years of age.
- Students under legal drinking age (21 years) are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol or provide alcoholic beverages to others. Those under 21 are not permitted to have alcohol in their residence hall rooms.
- The University will not sell, serve or permit the sale of alcohol on campus except in specifically designated buildings or facilities named by the president of the University. The Director of Campus Engagement will maintain a current list of those facilities authorized for an alcohol permit on a permanent or temporary basis.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed in classrooms, hallways, residence hall lounges, on athletic grounds, in the pool area, or in campus public areas including parking lots, streets and sidewalks or any other area unless designated by the president of the University. Any area on the campus can be designated for "temporary use" at the discretion of the President or the Director of Campus Engagement.
- Alcoholic beverages may be sold, served, or consumed in special use facilities only if the activity is (1) in compliance with law, and (2) occurs at social gatherings approved by the Director of Campus Engagement or the president of the University.

- Any sponsoring person or organization must obtain prior written approval from the Director of Campus Engagement for the sale, service or consumption of alcoholic beverages for a specific event. The Director of Campus Engagement reserves the right to deny the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any event with sound reason.

The Director of Campus Engagement may approve alcoholic beverages at social gatherings meeting all the following conditions:

- The event is held in a special-use location, facility or building.
- The event is requested by an administrator, faculty or staff member, department, division or student organization.
- The event will have a majority of individuals over 21 years of age in attendance.
- The advisor will be present for the duration of the event.
- Food is served, and alternate non-alcoholic beverages are provided.
- The sale and serving of alcoholic beverages will discontinue at least one hour before the event ends; and
- Proper security for the event is provided at ticket booths and distribution areas where alcohol is sold/served, and officers patrol the event locations. *

*The Director of Campus Engagement and the Chief of Campus Police will determine the adequate number of police officers for the event.

Requirements for Securing an Alcohol Permit

Organizations desiring to request approval for the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages at an event must obtain approval of their event at least 30 days prior to the event. The student organization should submit an "Alcoholic Beverage Activity Permit" on UIW Engage.

The Student Organization must also submit a Risk Management Plan. The student organization representative must set-up a meeting with the Director of Campus Engagement and/or his/her designee to have the list, event, and permit approved.

- When submitting the form, the Campus Engage Coordinator or Campus Engagement office will inform the student organizations of any specific policy or procedure or limitations regarding their event.
- The student organizations should then contact the Chief of the Campus Police. The Chief of the Campus Police will assign the number of officers and assess the costs to be incurred by the student group.
- The student organizations will request approval from the Director of Campus Engagement. If the Director approves the event, he or she will sign the form, notify the student organization, and the Campus Engagement office will send copies to the offices involved in the coordination of the event.
- After the Director of Campus Engagement approves the event, the Director of Campus Engagement will place the event on the University calendar.
- Sodexo will serve all alcoholic beverages on campus. The student organizations must contact Sodexo at least 15 working days prior to the proposed event. Sodexo should inform the student organization of all requirements for service on the proposed date and will coordinate TABC permits if necessary.
- The University will ensure that all permits required by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission are approved prior to the activity.
- If a planned event is canceled, the student organization is responsible for immediately notifying the Director of Campus Engagement, the Directors of Campus Police, Special Events and Campus Dining.

Further Information for Serving Alcohol at On-Campus Events

Failure to comply with the following regulations or any component of the UIW Student Code of Conduct will result in cancellation or termination of the event. Additional sanctions or

conditions may be imposed by the Director of Campus Engagement or Dean of Students or designee.

Planning

Event coordinators are required to schedule a meeting with the Director of Campus Engagement no later than fourteen (14) working days prior to the event to review applicable policies, regulations and publicity. Failure to schedule and/or keep this appointment will result in cancellation of the event. All events must end no later than midnight Sunday through Thursday; and no later than 2 a.m. for Friday and Saturday events.

Laws and Rules

- State law prohibits the sale of hard liquor.
- A temporary 14-day permit is required to sell beer and wine in all areas of the University except areas with a TABC license. This license is obtained from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) in conjunction with Campus Dining.
- A minimum of two weeks preparation is necessary.
- TABC regulations require that two types of beer must be provided and that it be purchased through two distributors. Wine may be purchased through a retailer.
- Signs describing the designated driver program and the laws pertaining to alcohol distribution and consumption must be posted at the entrance of the event and at the location where the beverages are served.
- Non-alcoholic beverages and free food must be available for the duration of the event. The types of food and the non-alcoholic beverages must be approved in advance by the Director of Campus Engagement; unsalted food is encouraged to avoid increased alcohol consumption. If the food or non-alcoholic beverages run out, servers must stop serving alcohol until more food or non-alcoholic beverages arrive. All requirements are subject to revision in compliance with TABC regulations. The cost per drink of the non-alcoholic beverages may not exceed the cost of the alcoholic beverage.
- Non-alcoholic beverages are free of charge to designated drivers. The event admission charge must be the same for all guests.
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Customer

All persons of legal drinking age will be issued a wristband, or each person must be carded each time an alcoholic beverage is requested. All designated drivers will be issued a distinctively identifiable wristband, hand ID, or other non-transferable means of identification.

A valid state identification and a student identification card, where applicable, are required of all participants of the event and specifically for those who purchase or consume alcohol. The beverage vendor is required to verify the age of all attendants by examining a state issue identification card.

Students and guests must surrender identification cards to University police and/or any other University staff member upon request.

Presenting false or altered identification is a serious crime and will result in disciplinary action.

Serving

Alcohol may not be served until the event coordinator, advisor and University police officer(s) are present and the non-alcoholic beverage and food are readily accessible to attendees.

Alcohol may not be served before 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Alcohol distribution must end one hour before the scheduled ending time of the event.

Beverages may not be served in glass containers. Only clear plastic 12 ounce or smaller containers may be used.

Alcoholic beverages cannot be carried into or out of the licensed area. Designated drivers may not be served alcoholic beverages.

Supervision

- UIW police officers are required at all student events where alcohol is served.
- The advisor of the organization must be present for the duration of the event. Faculty or staff member substitutes are permitted with written notification to the Director of Campus Engagement.

The Director of Campus Engagement reserves the right to deny a request for a substitute.

Liability

The condition of the facility/area used is the sole responsibility of event sponsors. Sponsors will be assessed the cost of cleaning and/or repairing all damages that occur during the event unless the responsible person(s) can be identified.

Requirements for Serving Alcohol at Off-Campus Events

In addition to the requirements cited for on-campus events, off-campus activities must fulfill these additional requirements:

Attendees

Off-campus events must be closed to all but UIW students and their guests. The ratio of guests to students must be no greater than one to one.

The organization must provide a list of guests before the event begins. A person can gain admission only if they are on the guest list or have a current UIW ID card.

A designated driver program must be in place before the event begins and the signatures of those responsible for the program must be on the Activity Approval Form. Failure to comply with the following regulations or any component of the UIW Student Code of Conduct will result in cancellation or termination of the event. The Director of Campus Engagement encourages the use of a taxi service to provide attendees transportation.

Supervision

The organization's University advisor, or approved University employee substitute, must have the guest list in advance and monitor attendance. A police officer(s) must be present during the entire event.

Serving

A third-party vendor must purchase and serve the alcohol and assume legal responsibility for both.

Dispute Hearing Process

The University developed the Dispute Hearing Process to handle situations of dispute within or between organizations that are irreconcilable or are violations of the organization's constitution or the Student Organization Handbook, but not violations of the Student Code of Conduct. However, Campus Engagement expects the Dispute Hearing Process to be the last resort after mediation or other forms of conflict resolution have been used.

A.Complaints

Complaints of an irreconcilable dispute or violation of a constitution or bylaws should be submitted in writing to the Director of Campus Engagement. Complaints will be presented to the Director of Campus Engagement who will determine whether the complaint will be handled through the Dispute Hearing Process or is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct to be referred to the Dean of Students or designee (or designee) for resolution through the student conduct process as outlined in the UIW Student Code of Conduct (<http://www.uiw.edu/campuslife/judicial.html>).

B. Notice of a Dispute Hearing

Once a determination is made that reasonable cause exists for the Director of Campus Engagement to refer a complaint for a dispute hearing, notice will be given to the complainant and the accused student/respondent. Notice will be in writing and may be delivered by one or more of the following methods: in person by the Director of Campus Engagement (or designee); mailed to the local or permanent address of the student as indicated in official University records; or emailed to the student's University-issued email account. Once mailed, emailed and/or received in-person, such notice will be presumptively delivered. The letter of notice letter will include a statement of the complaint or alleged violation and notice of the time, date and location of the dispute hearing. A meeting with the Director of University Events and Student Program (or designee) may be arranged to explain the nature of the complaint and the hearing process.

Complaints referred for resolution through the Dispute Hearing Process will be reviewed by the Dispute Hearing Panel, which consists of:

- Vice President of SGA, who will act as a non-voting chairperson;
- One representative of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Liaison; and
- A Campus Life Administrator appointed by the Director of Campus Engagement (or designee).

C. Dispute Hearing Preparation

Students will be given a minimum of seven (7) days to prepare for a dispute hearing. At least two (2) days before any scheduled formal hearing, all parties to the complaint will deliver, to the Director of Campus Engagement, all items of physical information he/she intends to use or needs to have present at the hearing as well as a written list of all witnesses he/she wants to appear on his/her behalf.

The Director of Campus Engagement (or designee) will ensure that the hearing information and any other available written documentation is shared with all parties to the complaint at least one (1) day before any scheduled dispute hearing. In addition, the parties will be given a list of the names of all panel members who will review the complaint. Should either party

object to any member(s) of the board or panel, he/she must raise all objections, in writing, to the Director of Campus Engagement immediately. Panel members will only be unseated if the Director of Campus Engagement concludes that their bias precludes an impartial hearing of the complaint. Additionally, any panel member who feels he/she cannot make an objective determination must recuse himself or herself from the proceedings.

D. Dispute Hearing Procedures

The parties to the complaint have the right to be present at the hearing; however, they do not have the right to be present during deliberations. If a student cannot attend, it is that student's responsibility to notify the Director of Campus Engagement no later than one (1) day before the scheduled hearing to arrange for another date, time and location.

- a) Except in cases of grave or unforeseen circumstances, if the party fails to give the requisite minimum of one (1) days' notice, or if the party fails to appear, the hearing will proceed as scheduled.

The Dispute Hearing Panel will conduct dispute hearings according to the following guidelines:

- a) Hearings will be closed to the public.
- b) Admission to the hearing of persons other than the parties involved will be at the discretion of the Dispute Hearing Panel and the Director of Campus Engagement.
- c) All parties and, the Dispute Hearing Panel will have the privilege of presenting witnesses and questioning all parties and present witnesses. Unduly repetitive witnesses can be limited at the discretion of the Dispute Hearing Panel Chairperson.
- d) Pertinent records exhibit and written statements may be accepted as information for consideration by the Dispute Hearing Panel. Formal rules of evidence are not observed. The Dispute Hearing Panel Chairperson may limit the number of character witnesses presented or may accept written statements of character instead.
- e) All procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the Director of Campus Engagement.

- f) After a Dispute Hearing, the Dispute Hearing Panel will deliberate and determine, by majority vote, a finding of responsibility. Once a finding is determined, if the finding is that of a policy violation, the Dispute Hearing Panel will determine an appropriate action(s). The Director of Campus Engagement (or designee) is responsible for informing the Dispute Hearing Panel of applicable precedent and any previous violations by the parties, if deemed relevant. The Dispute Hearing Panel Chairperson will prepare a written deliberation report, written to the attention of the Director of Campus Engagement, detailing the finding, how each member voted, the information cited by the Panel in support of its finding, and any information the Panel excluded from its consideration and why. This report should conclude with any recommended action. This report should not exceed two pages in length and must be submitted to the Director of Campus Engagement within no more than two (2) days from the end of deliberations.
- g) The Director of Campus Engagement may make appropriate modifications to the Dispute Hearing Panel's report and will then implement and inform the parties of the final determination within seven (7) days of the hearing. Notification will be made in writing and may be delivered by one or more of the following methods: in person by the Director of Campus Engagement (or designee); mailed to the local or permanent address of the student as indicated in official University records; or emailed to the student's University-issued email account. Once mailed, emailed and/or received in-person, such notice will be presumptively delivered.

There will be a single verbatim record, such as a tape recording, for all Dispute Hearings. Deliberations will not be recorded. Verbal presentations of the findings will be recorded. The record will be the property of the University and maintained according to the University's record retention policy.

E. Final Review

Parties may petition for a review of a decision of responsibility or assigned sanction(s) within three (3) days of issuance of a Dispute Hearing Panel's written decision. All petitions must be in writing and delivered to the Director of Campus Engagement.

If the Director of Campus Engagement determines that a complaint may be reviewed, every opportunity will be taken, where possible, to return the complaint to the Dispute Hearing Panel for reconsideration; however, if this is not possible, the complaint will be reviewed by the Director of Campus Engagement.

The Dispute Hearing Panel or the Director of Campus Engagement may support or change a decision and/or increase, decrease or modify an action. The review body will be deferential to the original decision-maker, making changes to the finding only where there is clear error or to

a sanction only if a compelling justification to do so exists, and only when a unanimous decision is reached. Reviews will only be considered for one or more of the following purposes:

- a) To consider new information which was unavailable at the time of the original hearing and could be outcome determinative;
- b) To assess whether a material deviation from written procedures impacted the fairness or outcome of the hearing;
- c) To decide if the action(s) taken is substantially disproportionate to the severity of the offense committed;
- d) To determine that the finding does not accord with the information provided in the hearing; or
- e) To assess whether bias on the part of a Dispute Hearing Panel member deprived the process of impartiality.

Except as required to explain the basis of new information unavailable at the time of a hearing, review of a dispute hearing will be limited to the verbatim record of the initial hearing and all supporting documents. In the case of an appeal, the decision of the Director of Campus Engagement is final. There is no further appeal.

The Director of Campus Engagement ensures follow-through by the parties involved regarding any decisions made by the Dispute Hearing Panel or through the appeal process.

Student Graduation Stoles and Cord Guidelines

The Student Graduation Stole Guidelines are applicable to registered honors, community service, academic, leadership, and professional student organizations as well as specific service programs recognized by the university. Student organizations that fall into one of these categories are permitted to wear stoles at graduation. Before a stole is worn at graduation, the graduation stole committee must approve the stole design.

Stole Design Submittals

1. The student organization should design the stole or obtain a picture of the organization stole recommended by the national and/or parent organization.
2. Submit the design for approval to the Office of Communication and Brand Marketing: pr@uiwtx.edu