The College District shall provide means for students to organize and join associations to promote their common interests.

An organization whose membership is limited to College District students, staff, and faculty may become an approved student organization by complying with the registration procedures that are available from the College District’s student life office.

Approved student organizations shall abide by College District rules, regulations, procedures, Board policies, the Student Code of Conduct, and applicable local, state, and federal laws, including but not limited to, those regarding discrimination and harassment.

Although student organizations may be approved by the College District, this shall not imply that the College District endorses student organization opinions and activities. Student organizations do not speak for the College District.

To achieve approved student organization status, each new and returning group shall meet the minimum guidelines, as established by the vice president of student development and enrollment services or designee and outlined in the Student Organization Procedures Manual (SOPM) including, but not limited to, fiscal procedures and monthly reports.

Approved student organizations may require members to maintain a higher cumulative grade point average (GPA), maintain enrollment in a specified number of credit hours, complete specific courses, or enroll in a specific program of study, as defined in their governing documents.

Approved student organization status may be canceled, denied, sanctioned, or terminated because of one or more of the following:

1. Failure to complete organizational registration requirements by stated deadlines.
2. Failure to comply with College District policies, procedures, or guidelines.
3. Sanctions imposed by the College District’s administration.
4. Receipt of a written request for termination by the local, state, or national chartering organization.

The assistant director of student engagement life shall notify the approved student organization’s primary student contact and the primary advisor in writing of such action. Any appeal by the student organization shall be submitted in writing to the dean of students’ office. [See FLD(LOCAL) for appeal process]
Regardless of the above criteria, the College District will not deny approval based on a political, religious, philosophical, ideological, or academic viewpoint expressed by the organization or any expressive activities of the organization.

Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee

The student activity fee advisory committee (SAFAC) shall be charged with hearing funding requests and making funding allocations to approved student organizations and College District departments for programs, activities, and events that directly involve and benefit students. The committee shall be composed of five members appointed by the student government association and four members appointed by the College District President.