Policy

This document is the official Curry School of Education policy regarding the recognition, funding, and formation of Curry student organizations. In the spirit of student self-governance, all Curry student organizations are required to be formally recognized by the University of Virginia Student Council (Studco) and approved for contracted independent organization (CIO) status.

Procedures

I. Forming a new student organization

Curry students seeking to form a new student organization must apply to the University Student Council for contracted independent organization (CIO) status. This process should be pursued if a group of students seeks to be officially recognized by the University and receive the rights and privileges associated with being a CIO. The CIO application is the standard process for all student organizations around Grounds. Guidelines for the CIO application process may be found by clicking here to access the Student Activities page or by clicking here to access a StudCo FAQ on CIOs. Only StudCo may grant CIO status to a student organization.

The CIO agreement outlines the official relationship between student organizations and the University. It acknowledges that the CIO is a separate entity from the University. The privileges and benefits of CIO status are reserving space, allocation of Student Activity Fee funds (subject to approval by StudCo), and the use of the University of Virginia name.

II. Continuation of a student organization

Student organizations that have received CIO status and are seeking to continue operation should follow item #5 on StudCo’s CIO Consultant FAQ.

III. Addenda

a. Students seeking to form an organization should not contact the Dean’s Office or any other University body for the official recognition of a student organization.

b. Education Council cannot grant CIO status to a student organization. Curry students interested in creating their own student organization may seek assistance from the Education Council in the CIO application process.

c. Education Council may not fund Curry student organizations, though there may be an opportunity for co-sponsoring an event.

d. Students whom have not received CIO approval may discuss ways to become involved with Education Council or join a preexisting student organization.