Name of Policy: Student organization advisors

Policy Number: 3364-30-56

Approving Officer: President

Responsible Agent: Vice President of Student Affairs

Scope: Entire University: All Campuses

☐ New policy proposal    ☐ Minor/technical revision of existing policy
☐ Major revision of existing policy    ☐ Reaffirmation of existing policy

Original effective date: April 23, 2018

A) Policy statement

Student organizations registered by the Office of Student Involvement ("Student Organizations") of The University of Toledo ("UT") must have a UT Advisor as required by this policy.

B) Purpose of policy

To establish the role and responsibilities of Advisors and to provide notice of potential liability associated with the Advisors and Student Organizations.

C) Advisor requirements:

(1) Must be registered and approved by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and fulfill all duties and requirements set by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and the Student Organizations Policy # 3364-30-12.

   a) Must be interested in and committed to promoting the Student Organization’s constitutional functions, UT policies and Office of Student Involvement and Leadership requirements.

(2) Advisor and Student Organization Liability

   a) UT employed Advisors may be eligible for insurance coverage by the University or entitled to qualified immunity under Ohio law against individual liability while acting in their role as Advisors. Activity must be within the course and scope of employment and action must not be taken with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner. UT employed Advisors are encouraged to review their personal insurance for coverage.

   (i) Decisions about the availability of liability insurance coverage rest with the University’s insurer.
(ii) Decisions about the applicability of statutory qualified immunity rest first with the Ohio Attorney General and may be ruled upon by the Ohio Court of Claims.

b) Non-UT employed Advisors are not covered by the UT liability insurance program and are not eligible for immunity under Ohio Law. Therefore, the non-UT employed Advisor should review personal insurance for coverage.

c) Student Organizations are not covered by the UT liability insurance program and the student leaders and members of the organization may be personally liable for the organization’s activity if it causes damage or harm. Student Organizations, leaders, and members are encouraged to review personal insurance coverage.

Policies Superseded by This Policy:

- None – New Policy

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