

Section 11: Student Groups

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Purpose/Preamble

The UWSA supports an active student life on campus by encouraging and supporting student groups and their endeavors on campus.

The purpose of this policy is to both define the privileges and responsibilities of UWSA Student Group status, and to outline the procedure by which UWSA Student Group status is obtained.

Policy Statement

Application Procedure

1. Apply for Student Group Status using the online form at theuwsa.ca.
2. Maintain updated membership lists and re-apply to renew status each year by September 30th.
3. Meet with the Vice-President Student Affairs to confirm contact information and to receive training regarding UWSA printing, accounting, space booking and utilization procedures.

Definitions of Student Group Types

1. Recognized Group

This group is comprised of a majority of current University of Winnipeg students. Must not have any positions that are paid by outside organization(s), or have consistent funding or support from external organizations or chapters with the exception of the University of Winnipeg and its academic departments or the Canadian Federation of Students.

2. Affiliated Group

This group is comprised of University of Winnipeg students and non-University of Winnipeg students, including community members and members from external organizations or institutions. Affiliated Groups may have consistent funding or support from external organizations or chapters.

Criteria for Student Group Status

- a. Must continue to meet the definition of the Student Group Status.

- b. Must deliver a conceivable benefit or outcome for University of Winnipeg students.
- c. Must designate a liaison with the Vice-President Student Affairs and may be asked to provide updated contact lists of its membership and activities.
- d. Must operate within provincial and federal laws, the UWSA Positive Space Policy, applicable University of Winnipeg Policies, including the *Respectful Working & Learning Environment Policy*, as well as any requirements related to insurance coverage in a given space or event.
 - i. UWSA contact persons or group leaders must go through Positive Space training.
- e. Must maintain Confidentiality as appropriate, ie. Not disclose third party information, such as contact information or student numbers, of its membership without consent.
- f. Where one-time fees are required to gain membership, student groups charging fees must offer alternative ways of gaining membership ie; subsidy program, or in-kind service.
 - i. This applies in all cases except those where the one-time fee covers the cost of a specific good or service such as insurance or a delegate fee.
 - ii. Applications shall provide a rationale for any fees.
- g. Must re-apply each year to approve Student Group status.

Benefits of Student Group Status

The benefits of Recognized Groups and Affiliated Groups are as follows:

- a. Free space bookings through the UWSA Events Coordinator
- b. A yearly printing budget of \$20 for Affiliated Groups and at least \$20 for Recognized Groups
- c. Event discounts through the Events Department
- d. Social media promotion through UWSA media outlets
- e. Accounting services through the UWSA Business Manager
- f. The opportunity for Recognized Groups to make student group funding requests
- g. The ability to apply for space or storage accommodations within the Bulman Student Centre