

**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** CSU Presidents  
CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs  
CSU Vice Presidents for Student Affairs

**From:** Eric G. Forbes, Assistant Vice Chancellor



**Subject: Establishment of the University Sponsored Organizations as a Category for Student Organizations Affiliated with National Scholastic Honor Societies**

This memorandum confirms that California State University system has added *University Sponsored Organizations* as a new category for student organizations affiliated with a national scholastic honor society. All provisions for University Sponsored Organizations are expected to be implemented by the 2015-2016 academic year.

The campus may sponsor student clubs or organizations affiliated with a national scholastic honor society under the category University Sponsored Organizations. University Sponsored Organizations, unlike student organizations, invites members on the basis of scholastic achievement and may require skill-based, aptitude test requirements such as a minimum grade point average, academic discipline, unit requirements or classification (description as upper division, lower division, graduate student, etc.). University Sponsored Organizations must comply with all CSU systemwide policies, procedures and guidelines in accordance with Student Activities Executive Order 1068.

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring Advisor or Department to complete all the requirements for chartering and recognition from the campus. Formally chartered and recognized University Sponsored Organizations will be afforded all benefits and opportunities as provided to student organizations, including, but not limited to use of on-campus facilities, funding opportunities from Associated Students, advisement on event management and risk mitigation, assistance with organization financial management, and support for program planning. Membership may be defined by the affiliation with the national scholastic honor society; however, no students in University Sponsored Organizations can be denied membership on the basis of age, disability, gender, genetic information, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.

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Questions about University Sponsored Organizations may be directed to Mr. Ray Murillo, Director, Student Programs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4707 or [rmurillo@calstate.edu](mailto:rmurillo@calstate.edu) or Dr. Sabrina Sanders, Assistant Director, Student Programs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4693 or [ssanders@calstate.edu](mailto:ssanders@calstate.edu).

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