



Student Engagement

Registered Student Organization Duplication Policy

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign promotes and encourages students to engage in co-curricular opportunities that enrich their Illinois Experience. These opportunities include involvement in student clubs and organizations, campus life, and traditions.

Student clubs and organizations represent unique perspectives, interests, and scopes. These tenets are foundational in the core purpose for these groups in the evolution as vital opportunities for students. With the administration and advisement of these co-curricular opportunities, the Department of Student Engagement creates opportunities for clubs and organizations to find their distinctive pathways to success, while encourage synergies and collaboration. To this function, the department reviews each student club and organization for duplication to ensure the cultivation and success of each unique group.

The mission, purpose, and scope of a student organization may not be a duplicate of an existing student organization registered at Illinois. Similarly, student organizations may not create additional student organizations to segment different membership types. Registration of a student club or organization may be denied upon a determination the organization's mission, purpose, and scope is identical to another registered student club or organization as described in their constitution.

Student leaders who desire to create a student club or organization, should review the current listings to determine if an organization exists with a similar mission and purpose. Should commonalities exist, students are encouraged to consider joining the organization already in existence, or explore a revision of their submitted mission, purpose, and scope. This will ensure distinctiveness among the diversity of student co-curricular opportunities.

Student clubs and organizations can request a formal review to determine if duplication exists within the current registered student clubs and organizations. Additionally, the Department of Student Engagement can provide mediation for organizations to assist in finding alternative resolutions to membership and organizational conflict.

Attributed Sources: Indiana University Student Involvement & Leadership Center, Ohio State Office of Student Life, Penn State Student Activities