A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ACT of REGISTRATION for STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Short Title: The Act of Registration Revision Act
Primary Sponsor: Senator John Daley, CLAS
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Whereas, The Act of Registration is in need of language clarification and modernization;

Whereas, The Act of Registration needs to be changed to accommodate the new technological processes within the process of registering groups;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte:

SECTION I: The Act of Registration is to read:
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§7-1.11. Organization Activity.
§7-1.12. Meeting & Event Space.
§7-1.16. Office Space, Lockers, and Mailboxes.

SECTION II: §7-1.3 Student Organization Membership
Membership in the student organization will be open to all interested students in good standing at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Membership will be permitted only for regularly enrolled
students, faculty and staff at UNC Charlotte. However, all student organizations must be composed of at least 51 percent student membership.

SECTION III: §7-1.5. Restricting Membership by Gender.
Fraternities or sororities recognized by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Independent Council, or the Diversified Greek Councils, may limit membership on the basis of gender only. Any student organization not recognized by such groups but still wanting to limit membership on the basis of gender must:

b. if Greek a fraternity or sorority, meet the requirements set forth in the The Greek Life Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Recognition Guidelines for UNC Charlotte Fraternities and Sororities.

SECTION IV: §7-1.6. Student Organization Constitutions.
(a) The student organization shall establish a constitution to govern its operation and shall maintain a copy of its current constitution and/or by-laws online in OrgSync.
(b) Constitutions of student organizations shall include a clause stating the organization will not discriminate in its membership policies or otherwise in accordance with SBS §7-1.4, unless specifically provided for in this Act.
(c) Organizations must also include their purpose statement, a statement to abide by UNC Charlotte policies, officer selection and removal processes, member selection and removal processes, and specific voting margins.

SECTION V: §7-1.7. Media Organizations.
New student organizations that register with the main function of being a "media" organization should follow the same process set forth for all new student organizations. After three consecutive years as a registered student organization in good standing, the organization may petition Student Niner Media to be a part of the Student Niner Media Board and gain the benefits and resources available to organizations governed by the Student Niner Media Board. At that time, the balance remaining in the organization's account of any annual funding received through the Student Government Association would transfer with the organization to the Student Niner Media Board to be allocated to the organization under its new designation as a student media organization governed by the Student Niner Media Board.

SECTION VI: §7-1.8. Student Organization Advisor.
The student organization will at all times is encouraged, but not required, to have an official advisor who is a current member of the faculty or staff at UNC Charlotte. The student organization will need to provide the advisor's department, telephone number and e-mail. The student organization is permitted, but not required, to register up to two Affiliate Advisors who are not current members of the UNC Charlotte faculty or staff. Applications for Affiliate Advisors must be submitted annually and are subject to the approval of the Office of Student Activities.

SECTION VII: §7-1.9. Officers.
The student organization will have at least three officers who are currently enrolled students in good standing with the University. Student Organization officers shall include a President, Treasurer, and Vice-President or Secretary. The student organization shall provide the president's address along with every officer's telephone number and registered email to the Office of Student Activities.
SECTION VIII: §7-1.10. Registration.
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(a) All student organizations are required to register annually with the Student Government Association. The registration period begins on April 1 and concludes on the second Friday in September at 5:00 p.m. Any student organization not completing a registration form each year will lose its registration status. Registration will be completed online at http://orgsync.com. The Associate Director of Student Activities and the Organizational Ways and Means Committee Chair will inform all existing student organizations of this deadline via email and other official University communication methods.
(b) All student organizations applying for first time registration will provide must maintain at all times at least eight students who are participants within the group, and provide a list of members along with their telephone numbers and registered email addresses online in OrgSync.
(c) All student organizations applying for existing registration will provide a list of three campus wide events held during the previous academic year, along with the date for each event. These events may include the International Festival, Homecoming, Student Organization Showcase, Relay for Life, and/or hosting an event open to the campus community. This list will be submitted via the group's annual registration form and maintained on file in the Student Government and Organizations Complex.
(d) Every renewing organization must complete the Student Organization Registration Workshop on an annual basis. The workshop must be attended by at least one of the three new officers. New student organizations may meet with the Associate Director of Student Activities in place of this workshop.
(e) The Organizational Ways & Means Committee of SGA is the designated reviewing body for approval of new student organizations.
(f) If students receive academic credit for participation in an organization, then the organization is not eligible to be considered a registered student organization.

SECTION IX: §7-1.12. Meeting & Event Space.
Student organizations that have been granted registration status pursuant to Article 1, Section 1 of this Act enjoy priority scheduling in reserving meeting and event space in the Student Union and other university facilities in accordance with University space reservation procedures.

SECTION X: §7-1.13. Use of University Names.
Organizations may use the names "UNC Charlotte" or "The University of North Carolina at Charlotte" in conjunction with the official name of the organization; provided, however, that such use of those names shall not constitute a grant of authority to the student organization or to any of its members by virtue of their membership to have, or to represent themselves as having authority to act as an agent for, to speak on behalf of, or to obligate, bind or to otherwise commit the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the Student Senate, or the Student Government Association, contractually or in any other manner whatsoever including invoking the University's tax exempt status. Additionally, these terms may only be used at the end of an organization’s name and not at the beginning. (ex. XYZ Club at UNC Charlotte)

SECTION XI: §7-1.15. University E-mail Accounts.
Each organization can also receive a UNC Charlotte e-mail account and apply for web space linked to the UNC Charlotte webpage.

SECTION XII: §7-1.16. Office Space, Lockers, and Mailboxes.
All student organizations will have the opportunity to apply for an office space, storage locker, and/or mailbox a mailbox assigned to them in the Student Government and Organizations Complex in the Student Union as availability permits. A member of each student organization should check and clean out the assigned mailbox a minimum of once per week.

SECTION XIII: §7-1.17. Student Organization Resource Center.
Organizations may use computers, telephones, meeting space, resources, supplies and library materials made available to them in the Student Organization Resource Center, located in the Student Government and Organizations Complex in the Student Union.

SECTION XIV: §7-1.18. Other Services.
Organizations may obtain assistance from the Office of Student Activities, including leadership training, educational workshops, general organizational advising, major event planning, advisor training, publicity, and reference materials. Additional benefits include listings in any Directories of student organizations, and potential participation in University events such as the International Festival, Homecoming, Student Organization Showcases, or Union Take Overs as availability permits.

SECTION XV: §7-2.1. Revocation of Registration.
A student organization must successfully meet all of the requirements set forth in Article 1 of this Act in order to be officially registered as a student organization. An organization found to be in violation of any of these requirements may lose its University registration status. The Organizational Ways and Means Committee of the Student Government Association, in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities, will make all decisions regarding the revocation of registration and will notify an organization within one week if its registration and those rights conferred through official registration have been revoked. The Office of Student Conduct will make decisions regarding the revocation of registration related to organizational conduct.

SECTION XVI: §7-2.2. Suspension of Registration.
Student organizations that do not successfully submit registration information by the second Friday of September of each year will no longer be considered registered. These student organizations will then have all rights listed in Article 2: Section 2 suspended, including current funding, until the organization registers. Organizations that do not register within the two-week grace period will have all rights revoked including current funding and all other rights listed in Article 1, Section 2 of this Act. Organizations may reapply for registration at any time throughout the academic year, but must again complete all requirements listed in Article 1, Section 1. Organizations that do not complete the annual re-registration process for a period of 2 years or more will be considered a new organization and must abide by the process for new organization approval.

Mandates:
Dr. Arthur R. Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Christine Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
The University Times
Niner Online
I hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body and the By-Laws of the Student Senate on this ______ day of __________________, _____.

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Jason Hartsoe
President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate

I hereby signify my approval of this legislation as adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, this ______ day of __________, _____.

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Brady Nails
President of the Student Body