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Clubs & Organizations Guide

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INTRODUCTION

The Student Activities department provides opportunities for student growth through a variety of clubs, organizations, and activities to support co-curricular learning.

Our mission is to enrich the college experience for on-campus and online students through purposeful programming, clubs, organizations, and activities. The Student Activities department strives to promote holistic development of students through social interactions, personal wellness, civic engagement, and leadership development in our diverse world.

Clubs, organizations and activities are funded through student activity fees. The following guide is designed for students interested in forming or participating in an ARCC club or organization and the faculty or staff advisors who support them. For further information, contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs.

This guide and associated forms are located on our college website.

To find the forms on the college website, go to [Forms](#) → Club Forms (then select appropriate form)

***PDF forms can be opened and completed electronically with Adobe Acrobat**

Student Clubs and Organizations

PURPOSE

Student clubs and organizations shall contribute to the development of students through at least one event or activity each semester that is open to the entire campus in order to accomplish the following:

- Stimulate interest in current social, political, economic or cultural topics.
- Provide experience of working with groups.
- Provide activities related to classroom experiences.
- Develop professional ideals and standards through activities and events.
- Develop personal and professional friendships and associations.
- Develop members' leadership capabilities and citizenship responsibilities.
- Provide recreational experiences within the environment of the ARCC community.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a member of a recognized student club/organization, you will develop skills of:

- Self-awareness and appreciation of difference across cultures
- Effective communication skills and working through interpersonal conflict
- Recognizing opportunities for making responsible decisions for yourself and your organizations
- Leadership, including critical thinking, time management, and financial responsibility



PRIVILEGES

Student clubs and organizations are allowed:

- To communicate and disseminate information through campus media.
- To get assistance from staff in planning and conducting programs.
- To use campus facilities, services, buildings and property in conformity with college policies.
- To request funding from Student Life fees for programming that benefits students at ARCC.

MEMBERSHIP

Any currently enrolled ARCC students may form or participate in a club or organization at ARCC, including Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO students). Membership is open with no discrimination with regard to race, sex, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

HAZING

ARCC prohibits any form of hazing on or off campus. This is also noted in college [policy](#). Hazing can apply to individuals as well as student groups and is defined as:

Any action taken, created or intended to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule that is directed at new or prospective members of a recognized student club/organization. Such actions may be perpetrated by an individual, an individual against an organization, or an organization against an individual.

It is the collective responsibility of club/organization members and advisors to prevent hazing from occurring. Incidents of hazing should be reported through the [Student Conduct Violation Form](#).

STUDENT SENATE ROLE

The College President recognizes the Student Senate as the official representative of the students. With the exception of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Senate has the exclusive right to charter all clubs and organizations at ARCC. The Student Senate recommends the Student Life budget to the President and has jurisdiction over a variety of matters relating to student clubs and organizations.

Student Senate is the liaison to each of the recognized clubs and organizations, and has the ability to:

- Serve as an informational resource.
- Attend club/organization meetings.
- Require follow-up for funding requests.

ADVISOR ROLE

The advisor is selected by the student club/organization members. All recognized student clubs/organizations are required to have a primary advisor who is an ARCC faculty, staff, or administrator. A student club/organization advisor is a faculty or staff member who provides support and guidance to officers and members of a student club/organization. The advisor not only serves as a representative of the group in an official capacity, but also as a student advocate. An advisor is one who gives ideas, shares insight, provides a different perspective and encourages club/organization members. Advisors provide direction regarding event



planning, following policies and procedures and are there to serve as a resource but are not considered voting members of the club/organization.

SELECTING AN ADVISOR

The importance of a club/organization advisor should not be overlooked. Advisors, through their knowledge and expertise, can be invaluable resources for a club/organization. Criteria for selection, change, or removal of a club advisor can also be included in the club constitution (this does not apply to organizations). The relationship between a student club/organization and their advisor is one built upon trust and confidence. The advisor should be willing to offer advice, and the group willing to solicit it.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS AN ADVISOR

The Student Activities department is available to help you in connecting with potential advisors for your club. Advisors are extremely important in helping your club/organization stay on track. It is important to find an advisor that you have a close relationship with or one that has an active interest in your student club/organization. Ask faculty or staff members you are close with; if they cannot serve in the advisor role, they likely know of someone who can.

Starting a Club/Organization

Any group of students wishing to form a campus club/organization must secure approval from the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs and Student Senate before the club/organization can officially be recognized by the college. To secure approval, a group of students must meet the following requirements:

- Be open to with no discrimination according to the “Membership” clause.
- Ensure the club/organization’s purpose benefits students and the college.
- Secure an advisor approved by the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs.
- Submit a [Provisional Club Application form](#) to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs. Provisional clubs/organizations are extended regular privileges with the exception of access to funding under the Student Life budget process. Provisional status is temporary.

TABLING/RECRUITMENT

Anoka-Ramsey Community College allows clubs and organizations the opportunity to host a table to recruit new club members. Tabling is allowed at the Business/Nursing (BN Bulge) Entryway on the Coon Rapids Campus and in the Cafeteria on the Cambridge Campus.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Please limit the number of students at your table to 3 at one time (if you would like to have more, please consult with your advisor).
- The club representatives must stay behind the assigned table while recruiting.



- If intrusive, aggressive, or dishonest recruitment tactics are observed or failure to follow the guidelines above, the college may prohibit or limit further recruitment from your club/organization on campus.

The following policy has more related information: [Policy 5L.1 Expression and Assembly](#)

GAINING PERMANENT CLUB/ORGANIZATION STATUS

Permanent status enables clubs or organizations access to funding under the Student Life budgeting process and to sponsor events and activities that are appropriate to the special interests of their organization under the auspices of ARCC. In order to gain permanent status, clubs/organizations must submit the following items to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs:

- A [Roster](#) of active student members and tech ID's, ensuring the minimum membership is at least five (5) students. An email will be sent to advisors with the link and more details regarding a deadline to submit this form.
- The **Expectations and Responsibilities form** – submitted by the club/organization [advisor](#) and the club/organization [President/Representative](#).
- A copy of the **Club Charter/Constitution** and appropriate bylaws. If the club/organization is affiliated with a national organization, the national charter/constitution and bylaws must also be submitted. ([Example Charter/Constitution](#))
- It is encouraged that club/organization members hold office hours in the clubs/organizations office at least once a week.
- It is encouraged that one member of club/organization serve on the Events Planning Team by attending the meetings. The Advisor may be the one that attends these meetings.

REVOCATION OF CLUB & ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

With the exception of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Senate may revoke the recognition of any club or organization if any of the following occurs:

- A club or organization or advisor submits a written request to disband.
- No record of activity exists for the previous academic year.
- A roster of current officers or members is unavailable.

STUDENT CLUB & ORGANIZATION CHECK IN'S WITH ADVISORS

The Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs reserves the right to ask club/organization advisors to provide updates (could be via email or form) to them about club/organization activities.



Funding and Budgeting

Student activity fees are the primary source of funding for clubs and organizations. Budgets are established in early spring for the following fiscal (July 1- June 30) year in accordance with the Student Life policy. Each spring term, clubs/organizations/activities may be asked to submit an **Annual Budget Request** for the following year to be reviewed by the Student Life Budget Committee. Club/organization advisors will be notified of approved budgets.

- A [Request for Funding Form](#) must be submitted for new clubs/organizations and clubs/organizations that want to plan events above and beyond their approved annual amount.
 - Club and organization expenditures above the approved budget require prior approval from the group's advisor, the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs, Student Senate, and Director of Student Development & Engagement.
 - New clubs/organizations seeking funding for events and activities may also present a Request for Funding proposal to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs who then reviews the request with Student Senate.
- Fundraising activities are limited and shall be conducted in accordance with expectations set forth by the Foundation Department and with prior approval from the club/organization advisor and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs. ([Application to Request Support from the Public](#))
- Funds collected and spent by clubs and organizations shall be accounted for through an agency account in accordance with college policy through the ARCC Business Office.

Money received from student activity fees are considered state funds. Therefore, certain expenditures are not allowed and include:

- Gifts or parties for club or organization members
- Tuition reimbursements
- Donations
- Alcohol
- Food for meetings
- Miscellaneous expenditures for personal benefit
- More than 50% of the cost of clothing
 - An exemption to this may be granted by the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs by providing rationale to them as to why you would like exemption on the "More than 50% of the cost of clothing" use of funds.
- ARCC is a tax-exempt organization, which means that sales tax is neither paid nor reimbursed on most purchases made by clubs or organizations. It is important to communicate this to all potential vendors to assure accurate quotes are given and accurate bills are sent. See the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs if written proof of tax-exempt status is needed by a vendor.



PURCHASING

For instructions on purchasing through Workday (preferred method), go to the Intranet under the Business Office, click “Purchasing” for tutorials or contact the Business Office.

- The club/organization advisor should complete an Internal Requisition in Workday using approved vendors and appropriate Cost Center and Object Code.
 - When a purchase is completed, it is the advisor’s responsibility to request an invoice from the vendor, which should then be submitted in Workday.
 - After the purchase is completed, the advisor should create a receipt in Workday.
- If reimbursement is required for a purchase, the club/organization advisor should complete a **Spend Authorization** (before the purchase) in Workday and then complete an **Employee Expense Form** in Workday. Employee reimbursement will be on a subsequent paycheck.
- If a student has paid for an activity and seeks reimbursement, the club/organization advisor should connect with the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs to fill out the proper paperwork. Students must provide receipts for all expenses. Once the finalized paperwork is processed with the business office, the reimbursement will be sent to student via mail.

Student Travel & Accommodations

Students traveling for college-related functions do so as representatives of ARCC and are required to adhere to college policies. Students must complete the following forms prior to traveling and one copy of each should be retained by the club advisor and one copy should go to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs:

- [Student Travel Form](#)
- [Student Travel Responsibility Contract](#)
- [Waiver of Liability, Release, and Indemnification Agreement](#)
- [Minor Child Waiver of Liability, Release, and Indemnification Agreement](#)

Overnight travel requiring room accommodations should follow the guidelines below:

- Advisor should work with students for appropriate room accommodations.
- Guests are not allowed to share accommodations provided by the college.
- Whenever possible, an advisor should accompany students on school-related functions.
- Internal requisitions should be completed for airfare, lodging, and registration costs.

Out-of-state travel must be accompanied by an advisor and requires an **Out of State Travel/Special Expense form** be submitted at least two months prior to travel. Advisors can find this form on the employee intranet under the “Business Office” then click “Purchasing” to access the form. Advisor travel expenses must be included in the Out of State Travel/Special Expense form and Request for Funding form (if applicable).

COLLEGE VEHICLES

Clubs and organization members may use college vehicles for school related functions in accordance with college policies. Vehicle availability is limited, so arrangements should be made at least two weeks in



advance through the Public Safety Office on campus. All participants need to fill out an [Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnity, and Responsibility Agreement](#) and return it to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs.

As a student and a representative of ARCC, you are expected to:

- Obey traffic laws and use driver courtesy.
- Return the vehicle clean and the interior emptied of trash.
- Return the vehicle with the gas tank at least half-full.
- Return keys and clipboard (completed usage information) to the Public Safety Office. If the campus is closed, lock the clipboard with keys under the driver's seat.
- Inform the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs of unusual occurrences related to vehicle use.

If a state vehicle is unavailable, you **may** be reimbursed for driving your own vehicle at the current rate for direct route miles.

If expectations are not followed, students may lose driving privileges.

VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT

The Risk Management Division (RMD) of the Dept. of Administration promulgated a vehicle Fleet Safety Program and Minnesota State implemented the program. The program requires that students that have been identified as potential drivers of college, state, leased, or rented vehicles have verification made of their eligibility to operate those vehicles for college business, events, or activities. Minnesota State requires that students fill out a [Vehicle Use Agreement form](#) and have the club/organization advisor also sign. RMD conducts a driving record check for all drivers of state vehicles. The Director of Public Safety and Security coordinates these efforts and advises the student's supervisor or instructor of the results of the driving record checks.

Special Events

Some activities or special events may require students to complete an **Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnity, and Responsibility Agreement**. A copy should be given to the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs and the club/organization advisor.

CLUB/ORGANIZATION EVENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Complete Request for Funding Form to secure money if above annual approval amount (advisor)
- ✓ Reserve rooms/space on campus through the Event Management System on the Intranet (advisor)
- ✓ Do Internal Requisition if needed through Workday on the Intranet (advisor)
- ✓ Order food through campus Food Service Provider (advisor)
- ✓ Advertise the event (see suggestions in the "Advertising and Public Relations" section below)
- ✓ Complete travel forms if needed (student/advisor)
- ✓ Send e-mail to students (advisor e-mails Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs)
- ✓ Send e-mail to faculty and staff (advisor)
- ✓ Collect feedback from participants about event (advisor/student)



- ✓ Must complete an online [Club/Organization Event Evaluation Form](#) if event costs more than \$100 (advisor)
 - The Club/Organization Event Evaluation Form can also be used for events costing less than \$100 for future event planning and tracking

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Clubs and organizations are encouraged to promote their group in a variety of ways.

The Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs (based on Coon Rapids Campus) and Coordinator of Student Engagement and Activities (based on Cambridge Campus) are available to assist with:

- Approving and posting flyers and posters.
- Checking out ARCC tablecloths and easels.
- Printing, copying, and mailing.
- E-mailing students.

Clubs and organizations may advertise using campus media, including:

- Student Newspaper – Contact keith.bistodeau@anokaramsey.edu .
- Linked Blog—submit to the President’s Office (C261) at presidentsoffice@anokaramsey.edu.
- Add to College Events Calendar at events@anokaramsey.edu.
- Add to Student Organization Collaboration (SOC) D2L page.

The Marketing and Public Relations Department offers resources to help clubs and organizations get the word out about events and on-campus offerings. Club advisors can [visit their intranet](#) page to see an overview of resources and connect with staff.

The Marketing and Public Relations Department can also help and support with:

- Posting consideration on Anoka-Ramsey profiles on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat.
- Event listings in community newspapers.
- Placement on campus TV monitors.

Contact the Marketing department for help getting started.

ARCC EVENTS PLANNING TEAM (EPT)

The Events Planning Team for each campus is a group that helps brainstorm, plan, market and execute events and activities.

- Members of the ARCC EPT are expected to attend campus events and to help execute events whenever possible.
- Student members can be work study students or volunteers. (Volunteers are eligible for a stipend up to \$200)
- One member of a club/organization is encouraged to participate in the ARCC EPT.
- The ARCC EPT will meet as needed to carry out event planning and marketing duties. The Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs will call meetings.



- Students who are interested in this leadership opportunity should contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP STIPEND

Student Leadership Stipend recognizes the contributions of student leaders at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Awards ranging from \$50-\$500 are determined every semester and granted to student leaders based upon a committee's evaluation of the student's leadership, level of involvement, breadth of involvement, and effect of contribution to campus life and community during the most recent term. Applicants need to be actively enrolled at least half-time (six or more credits), and meeting or exceeding the college's satisfactory academic progress standards. Applications are available and due toward the end of each semester.

MOVIE/FILM COPYRIGHT POLICY

Students must obtain the appropriate permission prior to showing a film or movie on campus. You cannot rent a movie and show publicly on-campus without obtaining a copyright license for the showing. Please see the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs if you have any question about this.

What the law says:

- The Federal Copyright Act (Title 17, United States code, Public Law 94-553, 90 Stat. 2541) governs how copyrighted materials, such as movies, may be utilized publicly. Neither the rental nor the purchase or lending of a videocassette or DVD carries with it the right to exhibit such a movie publicly outside the home, unless the site where the video is used is properly licensed for copyright compliant exhibition.
- This legal copyright compliance requirement applies to parks and recreation departments, colleges, universities, public schools, day care facilities, summer camps, churches, private clubs, prisons, lodges, businesses, etc. regardless of whether admission is charged, whether the institution is commercial or non-profit or whether a federal, state or local agency is involved.
- The movie studios who own copyrights and their agents are the only parties who are authorized to license sites such as parks and recreation departments, businesses, museums, etc. No other group or person has the right to exhibit or license exhibitions of copyrighted movies.
- Furthermore, copyrighted movies borrowed from other sources such as public libraries, colleges, personal collections, etc. cannot be used legally for showing in colleges or universities or in any other site which is not properly licensed.

Access and Resources

Clubs and organizations have access to resources including support from the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs who oversees all clubs/organizations and can provide guidance and support along with the club/organization advisor. Support may also be provided by the Coordinator of Student Engagement and Activities.



The College provides clubs and organizations with office space to work on activities and event projects. Offices are generally equipped with local access telephones and computers, which are to be used for club/organization related activities only. Contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs or club/organization advisor for access. Offices should be kept locked when not in use.

Coon Rapids Campus	
Assistant Director of Student Activities and Wellness Programs	SC173
Clubs and Organizations Office	SC175

Cambridge Campus	
Coordinator of Student Engagement and Activities	E203C
Clubs and Organizations Office	E203D

COMPUTERS

To use the computers, please log on with your own StarID and password.

FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Other than the designated office space, to reserve a room for meetings or events, the club or organization advisor needs to contact the event & room schedulers on campus or login to the online room reservation software, Events Management System (EMS), to book a space.

- EMS URL: <https://minnstate.bookitadmin.minnstate.edu/Default.aspx>

Club and Organization Member Survey

The **Assessment of Student Learning** is a central part of the mission of ARCC. The Student Activities department values the learning that takes place both in class and through participation in co-curricular activities. As a member of a club or organization, students are asked to respond to a survey. This information is intended to continually enhance the club/organization experience at ARCC and will be used for research purposes. A link will be emailed out to students listed on club/organization rosters for this online survey.