

NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Responsible administrator: Associate Dean for Academic Programs

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Preamble and Policy:

Participation of student pharmacists in professional organizations is an important part of professional development and is strongly supported by the Harrison School of Pharmacy (HSOP). The HSOP supports the establishment of student organizations to foster the School's Mission and meet the professional needs of our students, but also recognizes that an excessive number of student organizations may be counterproductive and dilute the effectiveness of those core organizations that support the profession of pharmacy.

The HSOP's primary interest is to limit approved student organizations to only those pharmacy organizations that have a process for establishing official student chapters; however in exceptional cases recognition of other types of organizations may be allowed if there is sufficient justification. It should be noted that lack of a formally recognized student organization does not prevent groups of student pharmacists, along with faculty and/or staff members to meet informally regarding mutual professional interests. In addition, other student groups/committees may be established under the auspices of the HSOP's Student Council. Student pharmacists are encouraged to become members of professional organizations that are relevant to their interests even if there is not an established HSOP chapter.

Procedure for Establishing a New Student Organization:

1. Any group of students and/or faculty members who are interested in establishing a new student organization should first contact the Associate Dean for Academic Programs to discuss the rationale for the new organization and how the proposed organization may impact the HSOP.
2. A formal written application must be prepared and submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic Programs. The application must clearly state the need for the new organization and its contribution to the achievement of the HSOP's Mission and Vision, as well as the names of faculty members who are interested in serving as advisors. The application must also contain the signatures of those students who have committed to be charter members. The relationships to parent pharmacy organizations (e.g., national, regional, etc.) must also be stated.
3. The written application will be forwarded to the HSOP's Executive Committee for review and a decision.
4. Following approval, the officers or advisors for the new organization must provide the Associate Dean for Academic Programs copies of all forms and documentation received from the parent organization that related to the newly established chapter.
5. Once approved, the new organization may apply for membership in the HSOP's Student Council according to the Council's Constitution and Bylaws.
6. The activities of all of the HSOP's student organizations will be reviewed on an annual basis. It is the Executive Committee's prerogative to require organizations to disband if they are no longer serving a legitimate professional purpose in the HSOP.