

Student Union Sub-organization by-law



The first Student Union by-law has been introduced to Council and will be discussed and voted upon at a meeting on February 23.

The by-law deals with procedures that sub-organizations must

follow in order to receive official recognition by the UPEI SU.

The power of creating by-laws to deal with operational matters was given to Council in last week's

constitutional referendum, which passed by a 79% majority.

One student expressed concern at the general meeting before the referendum that by-laws do not have to be publicized before being approved. No mention of publication is made in the By-law Article, but in the interest of public information, we present here the sub-organization by-law in its entirety:

By-Law
A by-law of the UPEI Student Union pertaining to sub-organization status within the Student Union.

1. A) A sub-organization is a chartered subsidiary organization, officially recognized and affiliated within the UPEI SU.
B) Sub-organizations are to be made up of groups of active Student Union members who have organized to pursue a common interest or goal.
2. A) Membership in UPEI SU sub-organizations shall be as follows:
 - 1) a minimum of 60% of the General membership shall be active UPEI SU members
 - 2) all executive members of a sub-organization shall be active UPEI SU members.
3. A) All sub-organizations of the UPEI SU shall be responsible to the UPEI SU Council through the V.P. Operations for:
 - 1) proper conduct of their affairs in accordance with the objects, purposes and procedures as outlined in their constitution;
 - 2) the proper management of finances granted to them by the UPEI SU;
 - 3) reports on their operations when requested by the UPEI SU Council and/or the V.P. Operations; and
 - 4) the annual renewal of their registration.
4. A) To receive sub-organization status, a group must apply to the UPEI SU Council through the V.P. Operations by presenting him or her with
 - 1) a proposed constitution for the prospective sub-organization;
 - 2) a request signed by two-thirds of the members requesting UPEI SU affiliation; and
 - 3) a sub-organization registration form.
 B) Applications shall be considered and validated by the V.P. Operations.
 C) Having been presented to the V.P. Operations, requests for sub-organization status shall be referred to the UPEI SU Council, along with any supporting information and the report of the V.P. Operations for approval.

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5. A) All existing sub-organizations ^{should} ~~must~~ register with the UPEI SU each year by _____
 B) Sub-organizations wishing to register shall present to the V.P. Operations:
 - 1) a sub-organization registration form,
 - 2) the names of the executive members or steering committee members;
 - 3) an updated constitution if requested;
 - 4) a copy of the previous year's financial statements if requested; and
 - 5) a sub-organization waiver form.
 C) In the case that a previously existing sub-organization fails to register, the V.P. Operations shall notify the listed officers of the said group. Upon failure to act on such notification, the sub-organization's affiliation with the UPEI SU shall be considered to have lapsed.
 D) Groups which have previously been sub-organizations, but have allowed their status to lapse:
 - 1) must register completely before receiving any privileges of sub-organization status, and
 - 2) will be considered no longer affiliated with the UPEI SU upon a majority decision of Council upon receipt of the V.P. Operation's report;
 E) Groups no longer considered affiliated with the UPEI SU must repeat the initial application process (see section 4) to regain sub-organization status.
6. A) Should a sub-organization fail to comply with the UPEI SU by-laws; or abuse any privileges granted to it by the UPEI SU, the UPEI SU Council shall be empowered to:
 - 1) suspend the privileges;
 - 2) freeze the administration accounts; and/or
 - 3) remove sub-organization status of the said group upon a majority decision.
 B) Upon any punitive action of the UPEI SU Council toward a sub-organization, the V.P. Operations shall:
 - 1) give a written report of the reasons for the Council's decision to the officers of the group; and
 - 2) inform the group of the right to appeal any decision to the UPEI SU Council.

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