

# Category Definitions

**Academic/Professional** – Organizations that are focused towards students in a particular discipline. Emphasis is on the knowledge, skills, and experience related to a particular field.

**Governing Body** – Organizations that govern and advocate on behalf of students.

**Awareness** – Organizations that work towards increasing knowledge of particular issues, including: social, mental/physical wellbeing, economic, etc.

**Media/Publication** – Organizations that are affiliated with the university and provide media/publication services for or to the Campus.

**Community Engagement** – Organizations that provide volunteer opportunities while working towards increasing knowledge of the community on and off campus.

**Club Sport** – Organizations that promote and develop interest in various sports or recreational activities at a non-varsity level of play.

**Cultural/Identity Based** – Organizations that promote learning and awareness of diverse cultures and/or Identities.

**Fraternity/Sorority** – Student groups whose members are bound together by common values, friendship, culture, service, scholarship, and leadership.

**Hall Council** – Residentially based student groups that work locally to provide social programs, advocacy and community development for their specific residence hall or apartment complex.

**Hobbies & Interests** – Organizations that provide an outlet for activities typically done for enjoyment and leisure.

**Honor Society** – Local and national honor societies that provide recognition for students with academic honors, GPA or other requirements may exist.

**Intercollegiate Competition** – Organizations that actively compete against other colleges.

**Performing Arts** – Organizations that create an outlet for creativity by training, practicing and/or performing in front of an audience (drama, music, dance, etc.)

**Political** – Organizations that represent student interests in various political ideologies.

**Programming** – Organizations with a purpose to build campus community through large-scale programming and traditions.

**Religious & Spiritual Life** – Organizations that relate to a particular religion or spiritual belief

**Special Interest Housing** – Student groups who choose to live together in designated suites, houses or on a floor where the community focuses on a shared common interest.

**Visual Arts** – Organizations that create an outlet for creativity using various mediums (paint, clay, woodworking, etc.)