



Internal Organization Policy

Oversight: Vice-President Student Life

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Related Documents: IO Constitutions

Definitions

Internal Organization (IO) – a department of the ASU overseen by an appointed student.

Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to:

- (a) Provide clarity regarding the ASU's relationship with its Internal Organizations;
- (b) Outline the criteria to be recognized as an Internal Organization with the ASU.

Scope:

All ASU officials and those members participating in IO operations.

Statement:

1. The official Internal Organizations of the Union must meet the following criteria:
 - 1.1 They will benefit all or a significant portion of the student population.
 - 1.2 The Financial Affairs Committee will have ratified the existence of these organizations through a two-thirds vote and will approve their budgets each year.
 - 1.3 The mandate of these organizations will include one or more of the following:

- 1.3.1 Peer support
 - 1.3.2 Promotion of equality of opportunity and treatment among groups on campus;
 - 1.3.3 Inter-student communication; and/or
 - 1.3.4 Student education.
2. An Internal Organization will only be granted this status if they cannot provide the above benefits as a club.

3. The Internal Organizations of the Union are:

Acadia Graduate Students (AGS)

Acadia Pride

Axe Radio

Centre for Global Education (CGE)

Community Outreach

The Athenaeum

The Axe Yearbook

The Mental Health Society

The Women's Centre

Food Cupboard

Black, Indigenous, People of Colour Caucus (BIPOCUS)

4. Internal Organizations are governed by the following stipulations:

4.1 Hiring for coordinators is conducted by the outgoing Vice President Student Life, incoming Vice President Student Life (non-voting), two members of Council and the current coordinator (non-voting).

4.1.1 The hiring of the Editor-in-Chief of *The Athenaeum* shall be conducted by *The Athenaeum* Publishing Board, as outlined in *The Athenaeum* Constitution, in conjunction with the incoming

Vice President Student Life (with vote).

4.1.2 The removal of the Editor-in-Chief shall be done by *The Athenaeum* Publishing Board, in conjunction with the Vice President Student Life (with vote).

4.2 The coordinator/editor/executive of an Internal Organization is eligible to receive an honorarium.

4.3 Internal Organizations shall submit budgets to the Vice President Finance and Operations at their request and are responsible for keeping a complete and accurate account of all transactions, which shall be submitted to the S.R.C. or the Executive Board upon request.

5. Any Internal Organization Coordinator, except for the Editor-in-Chief of *The Athenaeum*, may be removed from their position by the Review Board if a recommendation is made by the appropriate Vice President and relevant standing committee,

5.1 This decision may be overturned by the S.R.C. through a two-thirds majority vote.

6. The Union shall not exercise any editorial control over the content of *The Athenaeum*.

7. The Internal Organization Coordinators shall have one non-voting seat on Council to be shared between all IOs Coordinators or determined by vote between IO Coordinators.

8. The Internal Organization Coordinators shall have one general voting seat on the Financial Affairs Committee, to be determined by vote between IO coordinators.