

12. SPONSORSHIP

12.1 Obligations and Eligibility

12.1.0 All GSA Programs and sponsored groups shall consist of at least a simple majority of graduate or professional students, shall make every effort to include graduate and professional students in their membership, and strive to make graduate and professional students their first priority. Any group not meeting these requirements is not to be sponsored by GSA.

12.1.1 All GSA Programs and sponsored groups shall be subject to University policies and activity guidelines. The GSA Programs are restricted to those in Section 8 of these Codes, and are further subject to the guidelines included in the GSA Constitution, Codes, and Appendices. Sponsorship is extended to other groups only upon fulfillment of the conditions in this section of the GSA Codes, the GSA Officer approving sponsorship being obligated to verify that these conditions are fulfilled.

12.1.2 In addition to GSA Programs, the following groups are eligible for GSA sponsorship: Student Interest Groups, as referenced in Article V, Section B, paragraph (3) of the GSA Constitution and interpreted in Section 4.1.7; GSA Councils, as listed in the GSA Codes 2.1.2. Councils which are housed in a single academic unit should first seek sponsorship from those units.

12.1.3 The GSA President or Vice President Internal may agree to sponsor any group whose sole purpose is the publishing of a GSA student-run journal.

12.1.4 Any departmental, cultural, ethnic, or other graduate or professional student group may apply to Cabinet for GSA sponsorship. This application shall include the proposed group's constitution, a brief description of attempts to find another sponsor, and reasons for which sponsorship was rejected; a member of this group may present the application directly to Cabinet. Cabinet's decision may be appealed to either the GSA Presidents' Council or to the GSA Forum, but not to both.

12.2 Other Policies and Procedures

12.2.1 The name and membership of each Program or group sponsored shall be presented to Forum by the sponsoring Officer at the meeting immediately following sponsorship. Forum may, with a simple majority vote, disapprove of the sponsorship of any student group, and instruct the signing Officer to seek revocation of sponsorship; any appeal of the decision must be raised at the next Forum meeting. GSA Programs, however, are subject to those bylaws in Section 8 of these Codes.

12.2.2 Each group requesting sponsorship shall be informed of the content of this section of the Codes, as appropriate, including opportunity for appeals and the provision for Forum's disapproval of sponsorship.

12.2.3 Any obligation on the part of GSA to GSA Programs are outlined in Section 8. GSA's obligations to all sponsored groups are limited to those obligations assumed under University policies and guidelines. Except for GSA Programs, each officer shall be

responsible for monitoring the group(s) for which he/she signed; each officer is answerable to Cabinet, and then to either Forum or Presidents' Council, for his/her behavior towards each group.

12.2.4 Sponsored groups may receive permission to use GSA facilities and equipments; denial of permission is not subject to appeal. Student Interest Groups may apply for office space, at Cabinet's discretion.

12.2.5 GSA must be informed of all events to be held by any GSA sponsored group.