Chartering and Recognition Process

Chartering

The first step in becoming an officially recognized student organization here at IPFW is to get chartered by the Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA).

The steps for getting chartered are as follows:

1. An individual(s), henceforth known as the submitter, wishing to establish an IPFW student organization should contact the Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association for chartering information, a constitution petition, and a sample constitution template.

2. Upon submission of intent to establish a student organization to the student government office, the submission will be established as a provisional student organization.

3. Provisional student organizations must have their constitution and constitution petition submitted within eight (8) weeks of their designation as a provisional student organization, or fail the chartering process and be precluded from resubmitting until the next academic semester.

4. Provisional student organizations are granted limited privileges. These privileges are the right to post flyers and the right to have limited meetings and room reservations. Postings must be in compliance with university posting policy and also include proof of temporary IPSGA sponsorship. Meetings must be for the sole purpose of promoting the student organization and may not include events or programs.

5. Upon submission of required chartering material, the proposed constitution shall be forwarded to the Student Body Vice President of Legislation (stuvpl@ipfw.edu) to be given to the Student Affairs Committee of Student Senate for review.

6. If the Student Affairs Committee has concerns or questions about the provisional student organization’s constitution the chair of the Student Affairs Committee will contact the submitter to address these concerns or questions. This process generally takes from 1 to 4 weeks.

7. A vote in the affirmative by the Student Affairs Committee to approve the provisional student organization’s constitution is necessary for the Student Senate to review the submitted constitution.
8. If approved by the Student Affairs Committee, the constitution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate for review, amendment, and/or vote. Student Senate may request that the submitter address all questions and concerns that the Student Senate may have regarding the constitution. The submitter does not have to attend the Senate meeting in which the constitution is being looked at, however it is highly encouraged.

9. If approved by the Student Senate, the constitution shall be forwarded to the Student Body President for signature or veto.

10. If signed by the Student Body President, the provisional student organization will become a chartered IPFW student organization. A chartered student organization is not a recognized student organization until the Student Life recognition process is also completed.

11. If vetoed, the constitution will be subject to a potential two-thirds override by Student Senate. If the Student Senate overrides the veto, then the provisional student organization will become a chartered IPFW student organization. If the veto is not overridden, the provisional student organization will lose all limited privileges and will be precluded from resubmitting until the next academic semester.

12. Upon completion of the steps necessary for chartering, the provisional student organization and Student Life office (Director, Associate Director, etc.) shall be notified via e-mail of their chartering by IPSGA. This notification shall inform the group that activation steps are still needed for the group to function, and shall include a copy of the approved constitution and the timeline for contacting the Student Life office.

**Recognition**

The next step in becoming an officially recognized student organization is to get recognized or re-recognized by the Student Life office.

The steps for getting recognized are as follows:

1. Obtain an advisor. This person must be full-time member of IPFW faculty or staff. The advisor will need to complete an Advisor’s Responsibility form and submit it to the Student Life office.

2. Complete a Report Form and send it to the Student Life office. This form includes your purpose, goals and all officer and advisor information.

3. Attend officer training. The organization’s President and Treasurer must each attend a training session.
4. Upon completion of both chartering by IPSGA and recognition by Student Life a
student organization will be officially recognized and therefore be granted all of the
rights, privileges, and responsibilities outlined by IPSGA and the Student Life office.

Removal of Charter

1. The Dean of Students office has the ability to disband student organizations. The
   student organization’s disbanding may be based on a series of relatively minor
   violations, or a single substantial violation (e.g. nuclear event).
2. IPSGA will be responsible for notifying the student organization that their charter
   has been revoked, and will copy the Student Life office on this notification.
3. A student organization may appeal the revocation of a charter to the Campus
   Appeals Board, which shall have final say over the matter.

Loss of Recognition

1. The Student Life office is authorized to revoke University recognition of student
   organizations. Officers of the organization will be informed, in writing, of the
decision. Any appeal of a campus decision to discontinue or refuse recognition of a
student group shall be made through the Campus Appeals Board.
2. The loss of University recognition may occur as a result of any of the following:
   a. Not attending the mandatory training in September.
   b. Failure to complete necessary paperwork by the October 1st deadline
   c. Evidence of failure to comply with University, local, state or national
      regulations
   d. Inactivity for two consecutive academic semesters
3. The above list is not exhaustive. The loss of University recognition will last for a
   minimum period of one semester. Upon which time, the student organization may
   take steps the following semester to seek recognition by the University.