

ARTICLE IV: CSA Chartered Organizations

Section 1: Chartered Organizations

- A. Chartering is the process by which the Senate officially recognizes student groups.
- B. Recognition as a CSA Chartered Organization implies neither approval nor disapproval of the aims, objectives, or policies of the group.

Section 2: Requirements for Chartered Organization Status

- A. The following requirements must be met in order for a group to attain and maintain CSA Chartered Organization status:
 - 1. The group must create and maintain a Charter which demonstrates that its existence as a Chartered Organization will benefit the Carleton community.
 - 2. The group must meet a minimum requirement of five members unless the Governance Committee deems the requirement unnecessary for the group to fulfill its purpose. Governance Committee will count members as either the number of CSA members on the organization's listserv or the average attendance at a term's worth of organization meetings.
 - 3. The group must be open to the entire CSA.
 - 4. Chartered organizations not meeting the minimum membership requirement without the permission of the Governance Committee will be deemed inactive. Chartered Organizations deemed inactive for three consecutive terms will lose Chartered Organization status.
 - 5. The group must not engage in illegal activities, operate in violation of its Charter, or adversely affect the College's maintenance of a residential and educational community.
 - 6. Groups seeking Chartered Organization status that fall under the jurisdiction of a current Chartered Organization must join that Organization for a trial period of one term. If the groups' specific needs are not addressed in the Organization, they shall be considered for Chartering. Groups associated with nationality or cultures are exempt from this requirement.
 - 7. Chartered Organizations may not use the College's name without the express authorization of the College Council except to identify the institutional affiliation.

Section 3: Chartering Process

- A. Groups desiring Chartered Organization status must submit a Charter to Governance Committee for review. Chartered Organization status will be given if the Charter is approved by a majority vote of the Committee and the Senate.
- B. Groups must also submit a petition with the signatures of at least 5 founding members to the Governance Committee to be considered for chartering.
- A. Groups may request an initial \$75 operating budget, should they demonstrate need for it.

Section 4: Organization Charters

- A. The Charter is the document outlining the principles, functions, and organization of a Chartered Organization.
- B. Chartered Organizations are obligated to act in accordance with their Charter at all times.
- C. Violation of the Charter is cause for loss of Chartered Organization status.
- D. Amendments to a Charter require the approval of Governance Committee and the Senate.
- E. The following elements must be included in the Charter:
 - 1. Purpose of the Organization.
 - 2. Description and duties of officers.
 - 3. Procedure for officer election and removal.