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**Responsible Authority:** Vice President of Student Affairs

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## ***Student Engagement and Organizations Policy***

### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The American University of Iraq – Baghdad (AUIB) recognizes that student engagement is an essential component of the university experience and contributes to leadership development, personal growth, and community building.
- 1.2 This policy establishes the framework for the formation, operation, and support of student organizations and student-led initiatives at the University.
- 1.3 AUIB encourages students to actively participate in campus life through clubs, organizations, events, and initiatives that support academic, cultural, social, and professional development.

### **2.0 Scope**

- 2.1 This policy applies to:
  - all officially recognized student organizations
  - student-led initiatives and activities
  - student events conducted on or off campus under the University's name.
- 2.2 The policy applies to all enrolled students participating in student organizations or organizing university-related activities.

### **3.0 Definitions**

- 3.1 **Student Organization**  
A recognized group of students formed around shared academic, cultural, professional, recreational, or social interests and approved by the Office of Student Life.
- 3.2 **Student Initiative**  
A student-led activity, project, or event proposed by students that contributes to the educational, cultural, or social life of the University.
- 3.3 **Office of Student Life**  
The university office is responsible for overseeing student organizations, student activities, and engagement initiatives.

### **4.0 Policy**

- 4.1 **Recognition of Student Organizations**  
Students wishing to establish a student organization must submit an application to the Office of Student Life.  
The application typically includes:
  - the organization's name and purpose
  - a list of founding members
  - a faculty or staff advisor
  - a proposed plan of activities.



Recognition of student organizations is subject to approval by the Office of Student Life.

#### 4.2 Responsibilities of Student Organizations

Recognized student organizations must:

- operate in accordance with university policies
- promote respectful and inclusive participation
- maintain responsible leadership and governance
- ensure activities align with the University's mission and values.

Organizations must not engage in activities that violate university policies or applicable laws.

#### 4.3 Student Leadership

Student organizations are expected to maintain an organized leadership structure.

Leadership responsibilities may include:

- planning activities and events
- managing communication with members
- ensuring compliance with university policies
- coordinating with the Office of Student Life.

Leadership roles should support the development of students' leadership and organizational skills.

#### 4.4 Student Initiatives and Events

Students may propose initiatives or organize events that contribute to campus life.

Examples may include:

- cultural events
- academic workshops
- community engagement activities
- student-led projects or campaigns.

All initiatives and events must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Student Life to ensure compliance with university regulations.

#### 4.5 Promotional and Operational Support

The University may provide support for approved student initiatives, which may include:

- assistance with event promotion
- logistical support
- access to university facilities
- guidance from Student Life staff.

Support is provided in accordance with available resources and university guidelines.

#### 4.6 Financial Support

Student organizations or initiatives may request financial support from the University.

Requests must be submitted through the Office of Student Life and may require:

- a proposal outlining the purpose of the activity
- a budget plan
- approval from relevant university offices.

Funding decisions are subject to university policies and budget availability.

#### 4.7 Compliance with University Policies

All student organizations and initiatives must comply with university policies, including:

- Student Conduct and Community Standards Policy
- Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Equal Opportunity Policy
- Campus safety and security regulations.



Failure to comply with university policies may result in disciplinary action or withdrawal of recognition.

4.8 Suspension or Derecognition of Organizations

The University may suspend or revoke recognition of a student organization if it:

- violates university policies
- engages in unsafe or disruptive activities
- fails to operate in accordance with its approved purpose.

The Office of Student Life will review such cases in coordination with the Office of Student Affairs.

**Related Policies**

Student Conduct and Community Standards Policy

Student Support Services Policy

Career Development and Experiential Learning Policy

Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Equal Opportunity Policy

**Related Procedures**

Student Organizations and Engagement Procedure