



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **SA1516-030: Resolution Approving the Student Organizations Committee Adviser Limit Policy**

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WHEREAS; The University of Wisconsin – La Crosse hosts a variety of student organizations whereby students lead purpose driven lives by engaging in activities that promote lifelong, active citizenship;

WHEREAS; There are approximately 205 organizations on campus today, with 1,400 employees who are able to serve as an adviser;

WHEREAS; University Centers staff has had difficulty working with organizations who share an adviser, which at times results in the loss of org status due to a lack of communication and policy understanding, as well as inadequate direction and time dedication from the adviser;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Student Association thereby approves the following policy from the Student Organizations Committee:

Recognized Student Organizations: Adviser Limit  
UW- La Crosse

All staff and faculty on the UW-La Crosse campus is limited to serving as an adviser to two University Recognized Student Organizations. This limit ensures that the adviser is able to truly commit towards the comprehensive education of the students and enrich the experiences of the students at UW- La Crosse.

By taking on the role of the adviser, he/she has the responsibility to:

- Provide guidance, direction, advice, and continuity to members and offices of the organization
- Serve as a mentor and resource for students
- Attend meetings (general and executive) as often as your schedule allows
- Help the organization evaluate its purpose, goals, and programs it provides
- Meet with the leaders of the organization on a regular basis to discuss pertinent issues
- Be privy to all activities and programs sponsored by the organization
- Explain and clarify campus policies, procedures, and liability issues
- Assist the organization with financial matters
- Assist with officer transition and new officer training
- Accompany the organization to conferences or other activities
- Assist in the formulation of organizational grants and one-time requests
- Report any criminal offense and any state, local, or university police violations
- Maintain contact with University Centers staff to assist in the promotion of leadership development programs and the compilation of organization data
- Learn from the organization

This list is not a comprehensive list and is subject to change by the discretion of University Centers, the Student Organizations Committee, and Student Association.

A UW-L staff member who was hired to serve and assist an organization does not apply directly to this rule. He/she is able to advise the designated organization he/she was hired for and two separate Recognized Student Organizations. Examples of these staff members include, but is not limited to: Coordinator of Sport Clubs/Events, Student Services Coordinator, and Senior Student Service Coordinator of Multicultural Student Services. Please see University Centers or the Student Organizations Committee with any questions.

An adviser who wishes to serve for three or more organizations may apply for an appeal process to the Student Organizations Committee. The adviser is able to apply for an appeal once the requested student organization has exhausted all other options for a different faculty or staff member to serve as the adviser of the organization. To apply for an appeal, the adviser must send a Letter of Intent, indicating why he/she wishes to become the adviser of the organization, describing how they are able to dedicate the time and energy to do so, and a completed Organization Adviser Appeal Form to the Chair of the Student Organizations Committee. To obtain the Organization Adviser Appeal Form, the adviser will visit the Student Association website under Legislation > Committees > Student Organizations.

Advisers who currently oversee three or more organizations will be grandfathered into the policy. However, at the commencement of this policy, those grandfathered in must complete the appeal process if he/she seeks to advise yet another organization. Furthermore, if an adviser who currently oversees two or more organizations chooses to no longer serve one of the organizations which he/she oversees, they must apply for an appeal process if that adviser desires to oversee a new organization at a later date.

The Student Organizations Committee reserves the right to change and/or update this policy with the approval of the Student Association. Furthermore, the Student Organizations Committee will oversee any and all problems associated with the policy and appeal process.

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