ARTICLE I: NAME

Section I: Name – The name of this committee shall be the Student Organizations Committee, a standing committee of Student Senate (UW-L Student Association).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section I: Purpose – The Purpose of this committee is to:

a) Make recommendations to the Student Senate in regard to general policies concerning campus wide student organizations
b) Form general policies which govern student organizations
c) Approve all new student organization requests
d) Provide a means for non-budgeted organizations to request segregated fee funding. The Student Organizations Committee may also assist in the evaluation of organizations for full budgetary standing.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Voting Members

a) Student Representatives – The student membership shall consist of six (6) students, one (1) of which may be a student employee of the Leadership and Involvement Center, one (1) of which may be a member Campus Activities Board, and one (1) of which may be a student employee of University Centers, and two (2) of which must be a Senator
b) Faculty – One (1) faculty member shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate
c) Academic Staff – One (1) academic staff member shall be appointed by the Academic Staff Council

Section II: Non-Voting Members

a) One (1) member of University Centers Staff
b) One (1) Graduate Assistant member of the University Centers staff

Section III: Elections

a) Officers – The committee shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary from its membership. This will be
done by the end of the first meeting of the year by a majority
cast for each office.
b) Terms -- The officers shall serve for one academic year and
their term shall begin immediately after election.
c) Vacancy – If a vacancy of the chairperson occurs; the vice-
chairperson shall assume the office of chairperson. If the office
of vice-chairperson shall be elected by the same elective
process.
d) Eligibility – All officers shall be students.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES

Section I: Budgetary Considerations
a) The committee shall monitor and keep the Student Senate
informed of the financial status of all areas of responsibility

Section II: Recommendations
a) The committee is responsible for the oversight and
management of student organization bylaws.
b) The committee shall approve new Student Organizations.
c) The committee shall recommend actions or measures relating to
organizations which the committee deems in the best interest of
the student body of UW-L.
d) The committee shall be responsible for the allocation of
Organization Grants.
   i. The Student Organizations Committee will make
   recommendations to the Student Association SUFAC
   for final approval.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I: Chairperson
a) Call meeting of the committee.
b) Preside at meetings of the committee
c) Prepare and establish the agenda for the committee at least 24
   hours in advance of meeting.
d) Act as official representative of the committee.
e) Serve as or appoint an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
f) Provide reports to the Student Senate regarding committee
   actions and recommendations
g) Excuse absences of the committee members.

Section II: Vice-Chairperson
a) Preside at all meetings of the committee in the absence of the
   chairperson.
b) Assume the position of the chairperson if the chairperson becomes unable to perform the duties of office.
c) Excuse the chairperson from meetings.
d) Aid the chairperson in coordination of committees activities.

Section III: Secretary
a) Record the minutes of all committee meetings.
b) Distribute all minutes to the committee.
c) Maintain a file of committee minutes from the beginning of the year.

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section I: Quorum
A quorum will consist of a majority of the voting members plus one.

Section II: Motions
Action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of quorum, with the exception of organizations grant and financial decisions, which will require two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section I: Convening of the First Meeting
It shall be the Vice-President of Student Association’s duty to appoint a student member to convene the committee within the first three weeks of each academic year.

Section II: Meetings
Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the chairperson during the academic year.

Section III: Special Meetings
a) The chairperson may call special meetings by providing written notice to all committee members within twenty-four (24) hours.
b) The Student Organizations Committee may create subcommittees to enforce established policies and procedures and to recommend new policies as deemed necessary. Each subcommittee shall have a list of policies and procedures approved by the Student Organizations Committee.

Section IV: Open Meetings
All meetings will be held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Section V: Parliamentary Procedure
Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be used as the parliamentary authority.

Section VI: Business Conduct
The committee will conduct its business in accordance with the rules of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin-System, and the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE VIII: ATTENDANCE

Section I: Attendance
A simple majority of voting membership shall constitute quorum for conduction business

Section II: Excused Absences
a) All absences will be excused by the chairperson when contacted by the absent member at least 12 hours before the meeting time.
b) Each committee member is allowed two (2) unexcused absences.
   i. More than two (2) unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the committee.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section I: Amendments
Amendments to the Student Organizations Committee by-laws shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee and approval of the Student Senate.

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