

Interest Group

Charter

Packet



**For students looking to start or reactivate a
student group at NCCC
2019-2020**

Steps to Forming a Club

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- 1) Group must fill out the “Student Group Interest Form”
- 2) Group must meet with Student Life to review the process for seeking recognition and to draft a club charter
- 3) Group must acquire an Advisor and have them sign the “Advisor Agreement”
- 4) Group must obtain a “Request for Club Status” form from Student Life
- 5) Representatives from the group must present the proposed club at a regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting to receive final Charter approval

Steps to Reinstating an Inactive Club

- 1) Group must fill out the “Student Group Interest Form”
- 2) Group must meet with Student Life to review the process for seeking re-recognition and to revise the existing club charter
- 3) Group must acquire an Advisor and have them sign the “Advisor Agreement”
- 4) Group must obtain a “Request for Club Status Form” from Student Life
- 5) Representatives from the group must present the proposed club at a regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting to receive final Charter approval

All required forms must be returned to the Student Life office.

CHECK LIST

Student Group Interest Form	Submitted to Student Life ___/___/___
Club Charter Draft	Submitted to Student Life ___/___/___
Advisor Agreement	Submitted to Student Life ___/___/___
Request for Club Status Form	Submitted to Student Life ___/___/___

Student Group Interest Form

Please indicate the type of group to be formed:

- New Club Reinstating an Inactive Club New Club Sport New Honor Society

Name of Proposed Organization: _____

Purpose of Proposed Organization:

Point of Contact: _____ @: _____
Email: _____@niagaracc.suny.edu Phone: (____) _____

Primary Advisor: _____ Campus Extension: _____
Email: _____@niagaracc.suny.edu

Secondary Advisor (If Applicable): _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Please identify ten (10) students interested in joining this student group if appropriate recognition is achieved:

****Note: Membership in student groups is limited to currently matriculated students with at least three (3) credit hours in a given semester.**

NAME (FIRST & LAST)

@ NUMBER

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| 2) _____ | _____ |
| 3) _____ | _____ |
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| 9) _____ | _____ |
| 10) _____ | _____ |

Office of Student Life

Niagara County Community College

Advisor Agreement

Advisor Name: _____

Student Group Name: _____

Campus Extension _____ Alternate Phone (____) _____ Office Location _____

Email: _____@niagaracc.suny.edu

Purpose of an Advisor

Advisors are needed to help provide leadership and direction to student groups. Advisors are the Student Life liaison to clubs for the purposes of disseminating information and ensuring all policies and procedures followed. Additionally, advisors should provide guidance and resources to aid in the students' leadership and personal development.

Role of the Advisor

- 1) The advisor is responsible for being familiar with all Student Life policies and procedures related to clubs and organizations as well as all College policies that affect clubs and organizations.
- 2) The advisor should assist the group in developing realistic goals for the academic year.
- 3) Provide advice and guidance to the club when planning programs, events and activities.
- 4) Advisors must sign all Purchase Requisitions and submit them to Student Life. In the event a Purchase Requisition is for a cash advance, the advisor is responsible for collecting and returning any and all receipts and change to the College Association (G215).
- 5) The Advisor must be present at the time of election for Executive Board Members (officers) which must be reflected in the minutes.
- 6) The Advisor must be present if the club or organization is holding an on campus event after regular business hours.

Advisors should, in addition, work with their student group leaders to further clarify the role of an advisor specific to the organization and its goals. Advisor training once per semester will also be provided and required by the Student Life.

I, _____, agree to serve as the Advisor for the _____
(Print Name) (Student Group Name)
for the term of _____, 20____ through _____, 20____. I agree to give the necessary
time and attention to the group in order to fulfill the obligations of this appointment.

Student Group Advisor Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Student Group President Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Student Life Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Club Charter/ Constitution Guidelines

Definition

A written document that establishes and defines the club purpose and goals as to not duplicate the goals of an existing student organization as well as certifies compliance with any and all Student Senate, Student Life and College policy related to the group or individual students as members.

Official Organization Name: _____

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

(Define in paragraph form the goals, objectives, and purposes of this organization. State what the organization will contribute to the quality of campus life at NCCC. State any other relevant information.)

Article II. Membership

Eligibility – All currently matriculated students registered for at least three (3) credit hours are eligible to join any recognized club or organization. There is no limit to the number of clubs/organizations a student may join; however students are limited to holding no more than two (2) officer positions at a given time.

Definition of active member – (State any special requirements this organization sets to be an active member. State what a person must do in order to maintain active membership (attending minimum number of meetings, assisting with programs, etc). List different types of membership.)

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as (Each organization will establish the size of its quorum, but it must be between 1/2 the organization's active membership and 2/3 of the organization's active membership).

Section B. Voting

Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.

All members shall have equal voting power.

Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Article IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

(In this section, list the titles of all officer positions and qualifications to hold their offices, such as minimum semesters of participation or term limits. All student groups must have a Club Council Representative on their roster.)

Section B. Duties of Officers

All officers shall enforce this constitution.

The [specified officer] shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the group, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.

(State the duties of additional officers as necessary.)

Section C. Nominations and Elections

Nomination and Elections Procedure - (State nomination and election procedures.)

*Timing of Elections - between March and April, for the fall semester.

*Vacancies - (State procedure to fill vacant offices.)

*Term of Office – (Suggested length is one year.)

Club Charter Guidelines Cont.

Article VI. Finances

Section A. Funding

Section B. Budget Process

Article VII. Meetings (Student group should determine dates, times and locations, and frequency of meetings. Any changes to the schedule should be forwarded to Student Life.)

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Student Senate.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Student Senate constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

Article X. By-laws

Section A. At least a 6/7 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.

Section B. By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the Student Senate constitution or by-laws.

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, which is any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any student, or that destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in any group or organization is not permitted by the [organization].

Article XII. Discrimination Policy

The [organization] of Niagara County Community College does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.

All clubs and organizations are open to any and all students that meet the eligibility requirements listed in Article II.

Office of Student Life
Niagara County Community College

Request for Club Status

Name of Proposed Organization: _____

Purpose of Proposed Organization:

Point of Contact: _____ @: _____

Email: _____@niagaracc.suny.edu Phone: (____) _____

Primary Advisor: _____ Campus Extension: _____

Please be present at the Student Senate Meeting on _____ to answer any questions regarding this request.

For Office Use ONLY

- Club Charter Advisor Agreement Interested Members Senate Agenda

For more information, questions about becoming or activating a club, please contact Student Senate, Heather, or Meghan in Student Life

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EXT. 6218

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EXT. 6261