

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

The Code of Conduct for Student Organizations at The University of Hong Kong

A. Objectives

1. The objectives of this Code of Conduct (Code) are to provide a framework for the operation of student organizations at The University of Hong Kong (HKU). HKU is committed to promoting a diverse, vibrant, and nurturing environment for all members of our student community that is conducive to:
 - (a) fulfilling the HKU's Educational Aims;
 - (b) nurturing the next generation of enlightened and responsible citizens;
 - (c) developing students' interests in extra-curricular activities; and
 - (d) giving students a high degree of empowerment in organizing their own activities.
2. HKU has set up the Co-curricular Support Office (CCSO) to ensure that university resources are properly and responsibly used for supporting student activities, and that trust and confidence can be established and maintained between HKU and the student community.

B. Support and Services provided by the Co-curricular Support Office

3. The CCSO has been delegated the authority to:
 - (a) provide support on the use of HKU's facilities and resources and on the provision of financial subsidies for the approved activities of registered student societies;
 - (b) establish and maintain a register of student organizations that operate on campus; and
 - (c) enforce this Code in accordance as set out in Part D below.
4. In order to register with CCSO, student organizations should submit an application along with the organization's Constitution. Student organizations are also required to submit an annual report covering the organization's activities and financial position throughout the preceding year to CCSO for perusal.
5. The register established and maintained pursuant to paragraph 3(b) hereinabove shall be published on CCSO's website. On providing support and resources, CCSO shall treat all student organizations with equal respect regardless of their nature and membership size.

C. Obligations of Student Organizations under this Code

6. All student organizations that operate on campus must comply with this Code and fulfil the following duties:
 - (a) To ensure that their activities are lawful under the laws of Hong Kong;
 - (b) To ensure that their activities adhere to the policies, rules, bylaws, regulations, guidelines and procedures¹ of HKU; and
 - (c) To adhere to their own Constitutions and Regulations.

D. Enforcement of this Code

7. In the event that a student organization operating on campus fails to comply with this Code, CCSO shall give notice to said student organization, setting out the particulars of the alleged non-compliance and the remedial measures said student organization is required to take.
8. Should a disagreement arise over a notice issued by CCSO pursuant to paragraph 7 hereinabove, that student organization may choose to file a written response to CCSO. Once the response has been considered, CCSO may arrange a meeting with said student organization for discussion with a view to resolving the disagreement by mutual consent.
9. If a mutual agreement cannot be reached in accordance with paragraph 8 hereinabove, the case may be deferred to the Advisory Committee on Co-curricular Support for further advisement. The Committee shall make its best effort to review all information and arrive at a determination based on the principles of procedural fairness. It is important to note that the determination in any given case shall be made at the discretion of the Committee and shall not be open to any further review options.

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¹ Examples of HKU's policies, guidelines and procedures include: COVID-19 infection control measures, operational guidelines for upholding Civility on Campus, room booking policy, and student orientation guidelines, etc.