RECOGNIZED STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS (RSCO) MANUAL

Policies, Procedures & Resources for the Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations of LC State

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LC STATE Student Clubs & Organizations, Policy 5.026

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The purpose of this policy is to establish an administrative and governance structure for Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations (RSCOs) at Lewis-Clark State College.

- 1. Recognition of student clubs and organizations is an administrative responsibility assigned to the Senior Vice President/ Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee by the President of the college.
- 2. Student Affairs will publish a specific set of policies and procedures governing all aspects of student club and organization administration. These policies and procedures will be approved by the Senior Vice President/ Vice President for Student Affairs and shall serve as the governing document by which all student clubs and organizations will abide. They will be reviewed and, if necessary, updated as needed but at least annually and made available on the college's website (https://www.lcsc.edu/news/2021/06/29/lc-state-to-debut-new-concept-for-hospitality-management).
 - A. Representatives (officers and advisors) from all RSCOs will be required to attend or otherwise participate in one formal club and organizational training program per year at which time the policies and procedures will be reviewed and input solicited for possible edits or updates.
 - B. Changes to the policies and procedures governing RSCOs will be made throughout the year as needed to reflect changes in institutional policy, State Board of Education policy, or applicable laws.
 - C. All financial transactions, including management of club funds and assets, will be conducted in accordance with published college policies concerning institutional finances and will be coordinated by the Senior Vice President/Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.
 - D. Registration with the Office of Student Involvement is facilitated through Do More, powered by CampusGroups, the campus engagement platform. To remain in good standing or active status, all RSCOs are responsible for updating their information online through the LC State Do More App annually and/or any time their club information has changed. Updated information includes:
 - i. Meeting Information, Time and Location
 - ii. Member Rosters and Officers
 - iii. Description (who can join, what students gain)
 - iv. Constitutions (Nationally when applicable)
 - v. Advisor Contact information

Introduction

Best Contact: Student Involvement

The Office of Student Involvement believes that student clubs and organizations are an integral part of the college experience. These organizations foster connections, create community, allow students to develop transferable skills and are often what Alumni remember as the best times on campus.

The work that you do as part of a student club or organization on campus is vital to completing the mission of LC State. Where we prepare students to become successful leaders, engaged citizens, and lifelong learners.

This manual is intended as a reference guide to explain policies and procedures pertaining to Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations (RSCOs), clarify the college's relationship to RSCOs and describe resources that may be helpful. Because many

departments at LC State work with RSCOs, a list of department contacts is included within this manual. Where applicable, this guide includes the name of the best department to contact for the particular service or function.

The RSCO Manual is intended to be a summary of certain matters of interest to RSCOs. Readers should be aware:

- It is not a complete statement of all procedures, rules and regulations of LC State.
- The institution reserves the right to change without notice any procedure, policy and/or program, appearing in the RSCO Manual.
- Institution divisions, departments and offices may have their own procedures and policies applying to student organizations not listed in the RSCO Manual.

Administrative clarification and interpretation of these policies may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Coordinator of Student Involvement. The Coordinator will provide a written response within ten (10) business days.

If you have questions about the policies in this manual, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Involvement and we will be happy to assist you!

Section 1 RSCO Definition and Requirements

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Definition

Student Organizations are interest groups whose membership is comprised primarily of currently enrolled LC State students. These groups are led by students and may be centered around a wide variety of interests or fields of study. There are two types of Student Organization at LC State: Affiliated Student Organizations and Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations.

Affiliated Student Organizations (ASO) - are organizations that receive a direct student fee. (i.e. ASLCSC, Warrior Entertainment Board and Student Media Entities)

Recognized Student Clubs & Organizations (RSCO) - receive fees or dues are paid directly by student members, or is funded in whole or part by a College division or department. These organizations fall into the following categories:

- Academic-Honorary: scholastic honor societies, those that recognize students who excel academically or as leaders
 among their peers, often within a specific academic discipline, membership in these organizations is limited to
 students declared into a specific major/program or based on GPA
- Academic-Major: centered around the specific majors/programs, membership in these organizations is limited to students declared into a specific major/program
- Athletic Clubs: intercollegiate athletic teams funded and founded by students
- Community/Civic Service: organization designed to support charitable causes, to socialize, and to share educational and personal growth opportunities
- Cultural/Ethnic: organization within a culture/subculture that works for the preservation or promotion of culture
- Professional: organization seeking to further a particular profession and the interests of individuals in a particular field
- Religious/Spiritual: organization and has a principal purpose of educating and advancing religion

Special Interests: organization with a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge, or learning

Relation of the College to ASO/RSCO

ASO/RSCO status shall not be construed as an agreement, support, or approval by the College, but only as acknowledgement of the rights and privilege for the organization to exist at the College.

The Status does NOT:

- Confer tax-exempt status to individual members
- Endorse the viewpoints of the student organization
- · Confer the ability or acknowledgement of conducting business on behalf of or officially representing the college

Section 2 Do More

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Do More, powered by CampusGroups, is the campus engagement platform for LC State. The majority of RSCO operation is handled through Do More. This platform is meant to help RSCOs, plan events, maintain membership rosters, and identify ways to increase student engagement. Do More also allows individual students the ability to view a campus calendar of events and activities, track their progress toward earning the LC State credentials, interact with fellow students via the feed, see their standing in the leaderboard, and generate an electronic, personal, co-circular transcript.

RSCO management will occur through Do More available at <u>domore.lcsc.edu</u>. Students and RSCO Advisors access the Do More using their @lcmail login information.

RSCO Advisors and Student Officers have access to manage various aspects of their group including, but not limited to:

- Updating Group Information
- Maintaining Rosters
- Maintaining Officer
 Information
- Maintaining RSCO Constitution

- Planning Events
- Tracking Event Attendance

Students and Advisors can also download the Do More app by searching for Do More LC State in their phone's app store. The app can be used to view upcoming events, access the feed, view currently active RSCO's, view their progress toward earning LC's credentials, manage their group, and check students in at club events.

For further guidance on utilizing Do More, please contact the Office of Student Involvement at studentinvolvement@lcsc.edu or 208-792-2717.

Section 3

Requirements of Recognition

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Delegation of Authority for Recognition

The authority to recognize student organizations has been delegated by the President of LC State to the Office of Student Involvement. The Office of Student Involvement shall be the governing body for ASO/RSCOs. The Coordinator of Student Involvement will be responsible for implementation, and administration of ASO/RSCO polices.

Through the Office of Student Involvement, the College must officially recognize all groups of students fitting the definition of an ASO/RSCO.

How to Become a Recognized Student Organization (RSCO)

In order to become a RSCO at LC State, the organization must meet the following minimum standards:

- 1. Comply with all LC State policies and regulations, Idaho State Board of Education policies, as well as state, local, and federal laws.
- 2. Comply with LC State's Office of Student Involvement's non-discrimination policy, which states that:
 - "No student club or organization which discriminates on the basis of age, race, gender, religion, sex, color, nationality, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, political affiliation or veteran status with respect to its membership will be granted official college recognition." This statement extends to, group activities, membership privileges, officer selection, and voting privileges
- 3. Have a full-time college faculty/staff advisor
- 4. Maintain an up to date online Do More Portal including:
 - Member Roster
- Constitution
- Officer List
- Meeting Information
- Events

Section 4 Benefits & Privileges

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCOs are eligible to use many of the same resources as college offices and Academic Departments. These resources can be helpful tools in centralizing communication between group's leadership, current members and prospective members. RSCOs using these services are responsible for following all LC State policies related to these resources. If you have questions about these resources, please contact the corresponding office directly.

RSCO standing allows the group to access certain benefits and privileges including:

- Access for Advisors and Student Officers to edit the RSCO's group page in Do More
- Ability to sponsor speakers and events on campus (in accordance with LC State policies governing such events)
- Access to guidance from the Office of Student Involvement about event planning, fundraising, marketing, financial management, etc.
- Mostly free use of facilities, when available (select spaces have rental fees, but RSCOs are offered a discounted rate)
- Ability to use the name of the College in their official title (guidelines established by College Communications)
- Ability to advertise and/or promote RSCO, activities and programs on campus
- Ability to apply for funding opportunities including application for Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College (ASLCSC) funding and/or other institutional funding
- Participation in leadership training
- Access to Clubhouse for meetings and events (reservation required)
- Free printing in the Clubhouse for the purpose of RSCO (limited to 150 pages of black and white or 50 color printing per RSCO per semester)
- Access to WEB's poster printing free of charge
- Access to storage space in the Center for Student Leadership (limitations apply)
- Ability to checkout event resources: audio/visual equipment, games, and other useful equipment (fees may apply)

Section 5

Recognition & Training

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Registration Process- For Groups Wishing to Become RSCO

New student organizations may form anytime during the academic year. Student groups who wish to become a Recognized Student Organization must submit an online Organization Registration Form through Do More.

It is encouraged to not duplicate the purpose or function of an existing RSCO.

Applying groups must provide:

- Name of Organization
- Short (100 words or fewer) description the group
- Specified organization category (multiple can be chosen)
- Meeting information (day, time, location)
- An up-to-date copy of the organization's constitution
 - A copy of the parent organization's constitution must also be submitted for the formation of a "chapter" for a community, state, or national organization
- Contact information for the confirmed group's staff/faculty advisor(s) (must provide @lcmail.lcsc.edu email)
 - Advisor approval will be required prior to RSCO recognition
- An up-to-date roster, with a minimum of three members
 - These three members will be assigned an Officer Role (President, Vice President and Secretary) until formal RSCO elections can be held

RSCO Constitution Requirements

Best Contact: Student Involvement

All RSCOs are required to submit their constitution in Do More and update it at least every three years. A RSCO example constitution template can be found on the Student Involvement website. This template contains detailed directions for writing a constitution along with the required sections and verbiage as needed.

All constitutions must contain the following required language:

Non-discrimination statement:

In accordance with the institution's policy and established laws, {Insert Name of Organization} will not limit membership and participation in organizational activities based on age, race, gender, religion, sex, color, nationality, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, political affiliation or veteran status.

Nonstudent membership privileges:

Non-student membership will not exceed {insert a percent that is less than or equal to 49%} of total membership and non-student members may not hold voting privileges or other formal decision-making authority.

If the student organization is affiliated with a community, state or national organization, a copy of the parent organization's constitution must also be submitted.

In order to be recognized the group's constitution must clearly state:

- Name of group
- Purpose of the group

- The purpose of a RSCO must not conflict with the educational functions, established policies, procedures, and/or regulations of the college.
- National or local affiliations and any financial obligations (to an affiliate).
- Membership requirements (these requirements may not conflict with the office of Student Involvement's nondiscrimination policy, but groups may set requirements for GPA, major, meeting attendance, etc.)
 - Only currently employed faculty, staff and currently registered students shall be eligible for active membership status in RSCOs.
 - Students are defined as those individuals who are enrolled and have a final admission status.
 - All other persons may be admitted as an associate member.
 - The definition of associate member is a person who is a member of an organization but has only partial rights and privileges or subordinate status.
 - Dual enrollment students can act as associate members of RSCOs, however their participation may be limited in events as needed by the desertion of the RSCO Advisor
- Officer Roles (title and description of duties)
 - Only officially registered full-time students (taking 6+ credits) shall be eligible to serve as appointed or elected officers
- Officer selection and removal process
- Advisor selection and removal process
- Meeting frequency and types of meetings (if applicable)
- Process for amending the constitution
- Sources of financial support
- Date (mm/yyyy) of ratification

After the electronic form is submitted the applying group will be granted a temporary status in order to complete the recognition training requirements. Until the student group has been officially recognized it cannot host events or hold meetings on College property, except for organizational purposes.

Required RSCO Trainings (Newly Requested RSCO)

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCO trainings will be available online. Trainings for student groups seeking recognition are due within three weeks of submitting a completed Organization Recognition form. These trainings are required prior to approval of a group requesting RSCO standing.

Advisor Training

Best Contact: Student Involvement

All staff/faculty Advisors from a group requesting RSCO status must complete RSCO training and review current RSCO policies and the role of Advisor within a RSCO.

This online training will be waived when an Advisor serves as an advisor in another RSCO and has completed training prior to the registration of the newly requested organization.

Officer Training

Best Contact: Student Involvement

All student officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer from a group requesting RSCO status will be required

to attend or complete training. This training will review current RSCO Policies and the role of officers within a RSCO and as a student leader at LC State.

This training requirements will be waived when a student serves as an officer in another RSCO and has attended or completed training prior to the registration of the newly requested organization.

Financial Authority Training
Best Contact: Student Involvement

Each RSCO is required to have one Advisor and two student officers (President and Secretary/Treasurer) who are designated as "financial authorities." Financial authorities are empowered to initiate and approve financial transactions on behalf of the group.

Approval of Recognition

Upon receipt of a completed Organization Registration and proof of completed required training for all required individuals the approval of newly formed RSCOs will be processed and granted through Do More and email notification

Once approved RSCOs may take full advantage of the privileges and benefits of RSCOs.

Annual Renewal of RSCO Standing – For Existing RSCOs

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Renewal Request

RSCO status does not automatically renew each year. RSCOs must update their electronic Do More Portal each academic year.

RSCOs are placed into transition on April 30th within the Do More App. It is the responsibility of RSCO Admins (Advisor and/or officers) to update their Do More Portal.

Required updates include:

- Contact information for the group's officers and advisor(s)
- The RSCO Constitution (every 3 years)
- Membership Roster
- Changes to meeting time, location, or description

These updates are due by May 1st. This is to ensure that the college has updated information for all RSCOs and to prevent inactive groups from being listed on the college's website.

Roster Maintenance

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Rosters for all RSCOs will be maintained electronically through Do More. These rosters, update with a students' enrollment status each term. Should a student graduate, transfer, or stop taking classes at the college the RSCO roster will update automatically.

If a student chooses to no longer participate in a RSCO it is the responsibility of the Advisor or RSCO Officer to remove the student from any active rosters.

RSCOs are able to assign and change officer roles through the roster with in Do More as needed.

Annual Membership Verification

RSCOs who have been recognized for three or more continuous semesters are required to have at least five (5) student members to maintain active status. The Office of Student Involvement will verify RSCO membership by September 30th each year.

If an RSCO falls below the 5-member threshold they will be required to meet with the Coordinator of Student Involvement to develop a recruiting strategy. If, after actively recruiting for one semester, the RSCO is unable to grow membership to at least five (5) students then the group will be assigned provisional status.

Changes to RSCO

When a RSCO makes any change (name, constitution and/or bylaws, meeting time/locations, etc.), those changes are to be submitted through Do More for approval by the Office of Student Involvement.

Required Annual Trainings

All RSCO trainings are required as part of the continued recognition of the RSCO. A single annual completion of these trainings is required for Officers and Advisors participating in multiple RSCOs.

Annual Advisor CSA Training

Best Contact: Human Resources or Student Involvement

Through LC Security and Human Resources RSCO Advisors are required to take a CSA "refresher" once per calendar year. Advisors will be notified via email when it is time to complete the refresher course.

Annual Advisor Refresher

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Advisors are required to complete a 15-minute online refresher course each semester to verify their understanding of RSCO Policies and Procedures and to be informed of any changes.

This refresher training will review any changes relevant to RSCO operations. Advisors who serve more than one RSCO only need to complete the refresher one time annually.

Annual Student Officer Training Best Contact: Student Involvement

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must attend/complete RSCO training, regardless of whether those individuals have completed the training the prior year. This training will provide updates on policy changes and general information.

Student Officers who serve more than one RSCO only need to attend/complete training one time annually.

Section 6

Maintaining Active Status

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCOs are designated as active, provisional or inactive based on whether or not the group has met the recognition and training requirements and followed college policies.

Active Status - is assigned to RSCOs that have completed all required training and do not violate college policy or law. Active status confers full use of RSCO privileges upon the group.

Provisional Status- is assigned to RSCOs that fail to meet one or more requirements. Groups that are assigned provisional status will have limited access to privileges until they meet outstanding requirement. If an RSCO is moved from active to provisional status, their Officers and Advisor will be notified via email by the Office of Student Involvement. RSCOs on provisional status will be offered resources and support to help complete outstanding requirements.

RSCOs who are on provisional status for more than two consecutive semesters are required to meet with the Coordinator of Student Involvement to determine whether or not it is appropriate for the group to continue operating at the College.

Inactive Status - is assigned to groups who, after being given adequate notice and support, continue to fail to meet RSCO requirements. Groups who are designated as inactive may not access any RSCO privileges. If an RSCO is inactivated, its officers and Advisors will be invited to meet with the Coordinator of Student Involvement to determine if it is appropriate for the RSCO to be reinstated in the future. RSCOs remaining in an inactive status for a full academic year will have their financial assets frozen and reallocated in accordance to the financial polices outlined in this document.

Section 7 Clubhouse

Best Contact: Student Involvement

Clubhouse – SUB/CSL 219

The Clubhouse, Student Union Building/Center for Student Leadership 219 is an open space on campus appointed to the operations of RSCOs. This space is available for RSCOs to host:

RSCO Scheduled Campus Meetings

Small RSCO Events

The space features:

• Computer & Printer for RSCO use

- Club Storage (limited availability)
- Meeting Space

This space is open to other RSCO members, The Office of Student Involvement is not liable for loss or damage to items stored in this space.

Availability & Reservations

All on-campus reservations will be handled through the <u>25Live</u> System. All RSCO activities are booked on a first come first served basis and there is no guarantee of receiving your first choice of space so it is a good idea to have a second and third choice ready when you make your request. Space reservations must be approved prior to use so be sure to get your reservations in early.

All room reservations should include the following information:

Event Name	Event date	Event time
 Person/Organization reserving space (LC CLUB) 	 Contact and email for group representative 	 Space being reserved description
 Estimated number of attendees 	 Additional set up or tear down time 	 Additional Resources (i.e. Chairs, tables, AV equipment etc.)

Reservations for the Clubhouse do not automatically renew from year to year. All reservations will be cleared out at the end of Spring Semester. To renew your reservations, contact the Office of Student Involvement or Events & Conferences.

Club Storage

The Office of Student Organizations offers open storage space for RSCOs to store a limited amount of supplies and equiptment. There is a limited amount of space. Availability will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

- RSCOs must store their supplies/equipment in clear plastic totes
- Boxes must be clearly labeled in the following manner
 - o Name of the RSCO clearly visible on the front of the tote facing outward

To reserve storage space, contact the Office of <u>Student Involvement</u>. RSCOs may store equipment during the regular academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). RSCOs wishing to store items over the summer must contact the Office of Student Involvement to make arrangements. Items left in storage over the summer without prior arrangements will be donated.

This storage space is open to other RSCO members, The Office of Student Involvement is not liable for loss or damage to items stored in this space.

Section 8 Financial Procedures

RSCO Accounts

Best Contact: Controllers Office

All RSCOs are required to:

- Maintain a financial account with the college. NO OUTSIDE OR PRIVATE ACCOUNTS ARE ACCEPTABLE.
- Conduct their financial affairs according to the policies and procedures of LC State.
- Maintain a positive balance in their account.

This account works just like a traditional bank account where groups can deposit and withdraw funds as needed. To check your account balance, deposit money, or withdraw funds contact the Administrative Assistant of your overseeing Division or Department or Controller's Office directly. All funds held in a college account are considered institutional funds.

RSCO Start Up Fees

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCOs are able to request a one-time start up fund from the ASLCSC. To obtain these funds a student representative of the newly approved RSCO must present the organization's purpose at an open Tuesday meeting of the ASLCSC. After the presentation is made the initial paperwork for the account creation and the deposit of the startup funds will be processed by the Office of Student Involvement.

Account Audits

RSCOs may be subject to an annual audit performed by the Controller's Office and/or the Office of Student Involvement.

Any RSCO found: misusing, overspending, not accounting for spent funds, or not turning in required receipts, or when brought to the attention of the Controller's Office or the Office of Student Involvement will be billed for the excess amount spent or used funds accounted for. Every effort will be made to hold the responsible parties accountable the misuse of funds and all privileges of the RSCO will be suspended until the bill is paid.

Fundraising and Dues

Best Contact: College Advancement or Student Involvement

Within parameters established by the college, RSCOs, may sell materials related to the purpose of the RSCO and may collect dues, initiation fees, donations, and admission charges for their activities. All funds raised are to be used for the ongoing support of the RSCOs' activities.

Fundraising Policies

Sponsored fundraising activities shall be defined as: donations without products or services being rendered or activities that raise funds through direct sale of merchandise or service. RSCOs may engage in fundraising using any method that does not violate state, local, or federal laws or LC State Policy. When planning for a fundraiser or donation solicitation, RSCOs should contact LC State College Advancement for additional information and approval.

Fundraisers should be planned based on the on-going support of the RSCO. If a fundraiser is held on behalf of a specific purpose the funds raised are held to that purpose and may not be used for other reasons.

Fundraising Rules and Regulations

Raffles, lotteries, games of chance or the use of premiums are permitted only after determining the raffle, lottery or game of chance complies with stipulations set forth by Idaho State Gaming Commission and Idaho State Law.

For these reasons, RSCOs need to work closely with Student Involvement and the Controller's Office when planning to host a raffle.

Fundraisers involving the raffling off of alcohol are strictly prohibited in adherence to our RSCO policies, prioritizing the safety and well-being of our members and community.

Product Sales on Campus - The College holds contracts with vendors to supply the campus with products and services. These contracts often give the vendor exclusive rights for sales on campus. RSCOs may be restricted from selling some items and/or services. Please check with the Office of Student Involvement before making arrangements to sell products or services.

Sales of food and beverage RSCOs wishing to sell food on College property must receive approval from the College's Food Services contractor.

Sales of Apparel Items- RSCOs wishing sell apparel items must receive approval from the Manager of the LC Bookstore.

Donations are not tax deductible unless they are processed through LC State College Foundation. The LC State Foundation is a registered 501(C)3 and must review and approve all donation solicitations and donation acceptance.

Fundraisers held on behalf of a third party (ie. Habitat for Humanity) do not follow the same rules as a fundraiser being held for the ongoing support of the organization.

Dues

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCOs may collect dues from members to fund their activity. Dues may only be used to support RSCO activities that are consistent with the purpose and goals of the organization.

All dues collected must be deposited into the RSCO's account at the Controller's Office within five business days. RSCOs can collect dues at regular meetings. Officers and members may not hold dues in personal accounts. Regardless of the method of collection, RSCOs should issue a receipt for all due's payments.

Institutional Funding Opportunities

Best Contact: Student Involvement

RSCOs may apply for Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College (ASLCSC) and/or other institutional funding.

ASLCSC Fundraising Match

• ASLCSC Event Funding Grant

Institutional Development Grant

Funding policies for RSCOs are subject to change annually. View the website for the Office of Student Involvement for the most current funding processes.

Depositing Funds

Best Contact: Cashiers Office

Funds should be deposited into the RSCO college account within five business days of collection.

Cash & Checks

RSCOs can deposit cash and checks at the Cashier's Window during standard business office hours. To make a deposit visit the Office during business hours, fill out a deposit slip, and give the money to one of their staff members. Checks should be made out to the "LC State" with the RSCO name listed on the memo line (e.g. LC Scuba Diving Club).

Credit Card

RSCOs can work with the Cashier's office to correctly accept Credit Card Payments. Service fees will be charged on these transitions. Contact the Cahiers Office for further guidance on these processes.

How to Spend RSCO Funds

Best contact: Student Involvement or Controllers Office

Please note that there are some limitations to what RSCOs can purchase when spending from their LC State account. Please refer to the "Purchasing Guidelines" below.

All expenses must have the approval of RSCO Advisor, the Coordinator of Student Involvement and the Controller's Office. Additional approval may be need depending on the type or amount of request.

Expenditure Request Process

The Office of Student Involvement must be notified via email of the request to spend RSCO funds. This information must be received before funds can be released by the Controller's Office. Campus purchase requirements (PO, REQ, P-Card, etc) for such purchases should be routed through the Advisor's current reporting line.

RSCOs wishing to make a purchase using their RSCO funds must follow these steps:

- Prior to making purchase the Advisor or Department Administrative assistant must email the Office of <u>Student Involvement</u> and provide::
 - o **SUBJECT:** RSCO Purchase Request
 - A brief, but detailed description of what you intend to buy
 - The vendor(s) you will be purchasing from
 - Costs
 - o Payment Method: RSCOs can pay for purchases with cash, checks, Purchase orders (PO), or a LC State P Card.
 - Approval from all RSCO Financial Authorities (Advisor and two student officers President and Secretary/Treasurer)
- Once the email has been sent and funds have been verified by the Office of Student Involvement payment can be arranged through the correct campus procedures
- If making a club purchase in Jaggaer an email is not required. Please be sure to include approval from the RSCO Financial Authorities (Advisor and two student officer President and Secretary/Treasurer) in the notes before submitting your shopping cart. The purchase will be routed to the Office of Student Involvement for approval.

Purchasing Guidelines

What you CAN use RSCO Funds for

- Event Materials/Supplies National Organization Dues for Entire RSCO
- **Event Advertising**
- RSCO Gear (SWAG, Shirts, etc.)
- Speakers & Presenters • Non-Profit Donations/ Philanthropic Activities
- Event Food/Beverages (non-alcoholic) RSCO Travel

What you CANNOT use RSCO Funds for

Political purposes

- Legislative lobbying
- Hiring of Legal Services/Bail Bonds •
- Personal Gain For Students or Employees
- Purchase of Alcoholic Beverages

Activities based in discrimination

Individual Membership Dues

Contracts & Purchasing

Best Contact: Administrative Services or Purchasing Office

- RSCOs may not sign contracts themselves. All contracting must be handled by Administrative Services.
- All purchases must follow current College purchasing guidelines and polices

Tangible Goods

All tangible goods purchased or received by donation for RSCO use will be the property of LC State. An inventory of these items must be maintained by the RSCO and reported to the Office of Student Involvement.

Inactive RSCO Accounts

RSCOs that have been marked as inactive for a full academic year or have had their RSCO status revoked will have their funds and assets surrendered as follows:

- Less than \$250, all funds will be deposited in a central club account managed by the Office of Student Involvement
- Between \$250 and \$1.499 the funds will be distributed as follows:
 - 10% will be distributed to the ASLCSC
 - o 10% will be distributed to the Institutional Development/Co-Curricular Account
 - o 20% will be distributed to the sponsoring division or department
 - o 60% will be deposited in a central club account managed by the Office of Student Involvement
- Over \$1.500 the Vice President Student Affairs and Vice President for Administrative Service will be consulted on how the assets and finances will be distributed.

Section 9

Events & Reservations

Best contact: Student Involvement

Campus events and programming is an opportunity for RSCOs to engage students. Hosting RSCOs, Advisors, and College staff share in the responsibility to ensure that these activities are well planned, enjoyable, safe, and aligned with the mission to LC State. Attendee behavior should align with campus values. It is expected that all parties involved will give thoughtful attention to proper event planning and agree to take all necessary steps before, during, and after an event to ensure its success. Failure to comply with specific provisions as outlined in this policy may result in sanctions for the hosting organization, such as organizational discipline, financial repayment of damages and suspended use of specific College facilities.

Event Registration Process

RSCOs wishing to host events must complete the online Event Registration Form in Do More. The Event Registration form must be completed at least two weeks in advanced of planned events. Due to the nature of some events (ie Travel or Off

Campus Events) additional time for approval may be needed. For these types of events, please plan at least three (3) weeks for the routing of the form.

Approval/Denial

Should an event be denied, a detailed explanation of the reasoning will be sent via email (@lcmail) to the RSCO Advisor and President.

Event Tracking

Tracking attendance of RSCO meetings and events has now become simpler. Event attendance can now be done through the Modern Campus Presence App.

- Scan a student's QR code that can be found in the Modern Campus Presence app once a student has logged into the app
- Manually enter students by ID number or LCMail address

Event attendance can also be bulk uploaded as a CSV file of Student ID Numbers after the event.

Reservations-On Campus

Best Contact: Center for Student Leadership Info Desk

All spaces on campus must be reserved prior to any RSCO hosting an event. This includes outdoor spaces across campus.

All on-campus reservations will be handled through the 25Live system. Events are booked on a first come first served basis and there is no guarantee of receiving your first choice of space so it is a good idea to have a second and third choice ready when you make your request.

All room reservations should include the following information:

- Event Name
- Event date
- Event time
- Person/Organization reserving space
- Contact and email for group representative
- Space being reserved description
- Estimated number of attendees
- Additional set up or tear down time
- Additional Resources (i.e. Chairs, tables, AV equipment etc.)

On Campus Event Cancelation

When possible, please notify Events & Conferences at least two (2) business days prior to event to cancel a reservation and release the reservation.

Emergency Action Plan

An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is required for on-campus events that...

Off Campus Events

Off-Campus Events are defined as: an educationally related activity that involves LC State students; occurs outside of college property; and is organized and/or funded by an officially recognized campus related entity.

These types of events have more requirements for approval. RSCOs wishing to host off campus events need to complete the off-campus portion of the Event Registration form at least three (3) weeks prior to the event.

RSCOs hosting off campus events must comply with all local, state, and federal laws. Before planning your event, check with the relevant city or county office to get information about permits or other requirements.

Food and Beverage Policies

On Campus Events

If an RSCO hosts an event with food or drinks on campus, LC State policy states that the group must purchase the food and/or beverages from the campus' contracted catering service or vendor. These vendors are Sodexo and Pepsi Co.

RSCOs wishing to serve food purchased from a vendor other than the Contracted Catering Service must complete a Waiver of Liability within their event registration form. This waiver will be filed with the Director of Food Services.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers featuring food and beverage on campus must have a signed Wavier of Liability filed with the director of Food Service. RSCOs wishing to fundraise via the sale of food may be limited to reserved spaces around campus as to not conflict with on campus food vendors.

Off campus fundraisers hosted at third party vendors (ie. Mod Pizza, Applebees, etc.) do not require a signed Wavier of Liability.

Alcohol

RSCOs are required to follow all institutional policies and procedures regarding alcohol. Events with alcohol being served must have additional approval from the VP of Student Affairs, College President, Security, and Campus Risk Management.

On Campus Events

RSCOs are prohibited from hosting events with alcohol; on Campus or within college-owned, leased or operated facilities and on campus grounds.

Off Campus

For off-campus LC State sponsored events which are open to the campus community and at which alcohol will be present, the sponsor will coordinate with the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of Student Involvement to assure adherence to this policy.

The following information will need to be provided to assure adherence:

- Names and ages of individuals designated as bartenders or servers to check identification.
- Means to inform participants of applicable state and federal laws regarding alcohol consumption.
- Non-alcoholic beverages and food provided.
- Designated driver program.

Special Events

Movies & Films

RSCOs wanting to host the showing of movies or films must be aware of the copyright and public viewing rights. The Federal Copyright Act specifies that copyrighted materials like movies can be used publicly if properly licensed. However, neither the rental nor purchase of a movie carries the right to exhibit it outside of one's home, with family or a small group of friends.

Dances & Concerts

An event is considered to be a dance/party if it includes all of the following:

• The use of music and an open area for active, non-seated attendees

- Expected that ¾ of the attendees will be college students
- Hosted by RSCO through the Office of Student Involvement

Events, such as presentations, performances, instructional dance, dinners, and receptions do not generally fall under this policy. Professional judgment on the part of the respective facility director may, in some circumstances, require that certain aspects of this policy be applied to other types of events. If an event is expected to attract over 400 attendees, the College reserves the right to implement special requirements or conditions not specifically outlined in this policy.

Scheduling

- Dance/Concert events must be scheduled by the hosting RSCO no less than 21 days prior to the proposed date of the
 event.
- Due to the academic mission of the College, it is highly recommended that Dance/Concerts are only held on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Dance/Concert events may not be held on during "dead week" or scheduled Exam days
- Hosting RSCOs must ensure that volume levels are considerate of other events and must abide by the Event Services Policies.

Travel

The opportunity to represent LC State throughout the state, nation and internationally is one of the many benefits of being a RSCO. RSCOs that travel for official organization business must adhere to LC State policies and procedures regarding travel. The policy in its entirety can be found in the LCSC Travel Policies and Procedures Manual.

The Student Travel Request Form, which can be found in the RSCO Resources section of the RSCO page on the LC State website, must be completed and approved before RSCOs can travel. Please submit Student Travel Request Forms to Student Affairs at least three weeks before traveling to allow for plenty of time for approval.

An activity that is sponsored by the College, funded in part or wholly by the College, undertaken using a College vehicle, or undertaken under the scope of the organization, would be considered traveling on official College business.

RSCOs may use their own funds to cover travel costs as long as the trip is related to and in direct support of the RSCOs purpose/mission. If using RSCO funds, all arrangements must be processed through the Controller's Office.

As stated in the LC Travel Policy 4.101, "Group field trips and team travel must have one LCSC employee designated as the leader or sponsor for each group."

It should not be assumed that RSCOs may use personal vehicles for RSCO business.

Student Affairs Van Rental/Training

Best contact: Jacob Crist and Department of Public Safety

LC State has two multi-passenger vans available for RSCOs to rent for transportation to and from their events/activities.

Drivers of vans must be van training certified, through an in-person training with Jacob Crist as well as completion of the Vehicle Use Agreement.

Student drivers are required to complete the online training annually. Staff/Faculty drivers must complete the training every three (3) years.

RSCOs wishing to reserve a van should contact Outdoor Adventures least one week in advance of their planned activity. If a vehicle is available a van reservation form and van usage agreement will be sent to the requesting individual. This form must be completed and signed and returned at least three days in advance. Payment for van usage will be processed through an IDG.

Pricing:

Per Day*	\$75.00
½ Day*	\$45.00
Extended Travel Rate Per Day*	\$100.00

^{*}Plus the cost of fuel

Risk & Liability

Best contact: Administrative Services

Some RSCO events/activities, both on and off-campus, may involve potential for risk. In some cases, the student organization as a group or individual members and officers may incur some liability in the event of a claim. RSCOs should take all reasonable precautions to manage risk at their events. RSCOs should be aware of the following policies:

Low risk, on campus events are generally covered through the College's liability insurance. Some examples of low risk activities are RSCO meetings, movie screening, awards banquets, guest speakers, and game nights.

Higher risk, on campus events may not be covered by the College's liability insurance. In such cases, RSCOs should have all participant sign a waiver releasing the group of liability. Pintable copies of the waiver are available on the Administrative Services website. Some examples of higher risk events are contact sports, dance classes, bounce houses, and events with possible physical injury.

Off campus events are not covered by the College's liability insurance. RSCOs who host events off campus should have every participant sign a waiver regardless of the level of risk involved.

Travel in personal vehicles is not covered by the College's liability insurance. RSCO members/advisors who provide transportation to or from RSCO sponsored activities in personal vehicles are advised to have all passengers sign a waiver.

Participation of Minors - Individuals under the age of 18 may not participate in any RSCO event, regardless of the level of risk, without a signed waiver from a parent or legal guardian.

Claims brought as a result of negligence by an RSCO as a group or an individual may not be covered by the College. In such cases the RSCO or individual members may be liable. The information presented above provides general guidance but, due to the complicated nature of risk, does not cover all scenarios. If you have questions about liability or would like assistance in evaluating risk for an RSCO event, please contact the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 10 Marketing & Recruiting

Best contact: <u>Student Involvement</u>

RSCOs may advertise and/or promote their student organization and its activities and programs on and off campus in a variety of ways.

Marketing mediums available to RSCOs:

- Do More
- Social Media

- Campus Banners
- Public Bulletin Boards
- Campus Monitors
- All Student Email

Electronic Slides for Campus Monitors

RSCOs are allowed to advertise events around campus on the monitors located in a variety of buildings. RSCOs must submit slides to Communications and Marketing. Each monitor is controlled by an individual staff owner so slides may appear at different times (or not at all) around campus.

Posting & Distribution of Flyers or Posters

On Campus

All pamphlets, handbills, posters or flyers should clearly identify the following:

- Author or Sponsoring Group
- Event Date
- Time and Location
- Special Event Requirements (Over 21, Family Friendly, etc.)
- Student Involvement accessibility statement:
 - "LC State welcomes participants with disabilities. For questions or to request disability related accommodations, please contact the Office of Student Involvement 208-792-2717 or studentinvolvement@lcsc.edu at least one week prior to the event. In all situations, a good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations."

RSCOs planning on distributing flyers, handbills, or pamphlets in public areas should coordinate with the Office of Student Involvement ahead of time.

It is prohibited to post flyers, handbills, or posters on any structure or natural feature of the campus. These features include vehicles, doors, windows, sides of buildings, the surface of walkways or roads, fountains, posts, waste receptacles, trees, or stakes.

Outside of Residence Halls

RSCOs are allowed to post flyers and posters around campus only on approved campus public bulletin boards. RSCOs must comply with regulations regarding posting of flyers held with each approving individual.

Inside of Residence Halls Best Contact: Residence Life

To distribute flyers/posters in residence halls, RSCOs must work with Residence Life located in Tarkington Hall, Basement.

Procedure for residence hall postings is:

- 1. Get flyer approved: Bring a copy of your poster or flyer to the Residence Life Office during business hours. They may reject your flyer, so it is a good idea to wait to make copies until you have an approved version.
- 2. Make copies, count, and label: RSCOs must make enough copies for all the residence halls and sort them by hall. Residence Life can tell you how many flyers are needed for each hall.
- 3. Bring copies to Residence Life: their staff members will put up the flyers for you, the week of the planned event. RSCOs may not post flyers themselves.

Off Campus

RSCOs may distribute and post marketing materials off campus as long as it does not violate local, state, or federal law. RSCOs are responsible for checking with the proper authority before posting in off campus spaces.

In Person Marketing & Recruiting

Tabling

Best contact: Student Involvement

Setting up a table is a great way for RSCOs to connect with students passing by. RSCO Advisors can request a tabling location through 25Live.

When tabling, RSCOs may not impede traffic by sitting, standing, or placing materials in front of the table. RSCOs are also required to practice passive information distribution by allowing people to pass through the space free from aggressive contact.

Section 11 Conduct & Hazing

RSCOs and their members are expected to follow all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, as well as all college policies including the Student Code of Conduct and procedures outlined in this manual. RSCOs either as a group or individual members, will be held accountable for policy violations. The Office of Student Involvement, the VP of Student Affairs, or both offices may investigate and adjudicate policy violations.

Hazing

LC State prohibits RSCOs from hazing members, prospective members, or other persons seeking to obtain benefits for services from any of those organizations.

Hazing takes various forms, but typically involves endangering the physical health of an individual or causing mental and/or emotional distress through humiliation, intimidation, or demeaning treatment. Sometimes hazing involves pressure to drink alcohol, which can have a significant effect on one's physical and emotional health.

Any activity as described in the follow definition; upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with or continued membership in a RSCO is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be a "forced" activity.

Definition of hazing.

LC State defines hazing as:

"any action or participation in any activity that (1) causes or intends to cause physical or mental discomfort or distress, (2) may demean any person, regardless of location, intent or consent of participants, or (3) destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization."

With regards to hazing, RSCOs should be aware that:

- Acts are still considered hazing even if the victim has expressed or implied consent
- While hazing typically involves new members, current members of a group can be hazed
- Hazing can take physical, mental, or emotional forms.
- Hazing is often about power and control, it does not create unity
- Context matters: while some behaviors constitute hazing regardless of context (e.g., paddling, use of alcohol), others depend on the circumstances

Reports of Hazing will result in the full range of disciplinary sanctions pursuant to college's disciplinary processes and/or debarment from use of College facilities for not only the a RSCO but the individual members associated with the hazing incident.

Reporting

Violations should be reported to the Office of Student Involvement.

Judicial Processes

Any RSCO violating the RSCO Policies and Procedures, Student Code of Conduct, College Policies or Procedures, student rights, or any accused misconduct will be investigated. The RSCO Advisor, and when applicable the individual members will receive a notice via email explaining the nature of the alleged violation.

Depending on the severity of the incident, an incident meeting will be a scheduled with the Coordinator of Student Involvement and/or the Vice President of Student Affairs. A day and time to meet will be scheduled. If the afflicted parties are not able to attend because of an academic conflict, it is the student's responsibility to reschedule the meeting. Failure to attend or reschedule the incident meeting may result in the meeting taking place in the RSCO's absence, and the RSCO may be held responsible for the violation without the benefit direct input.

After evaluating evidence disciplinary action may be taken.

Disciplinary Action

RSCOs or individuals that face disciplinary action may face any combination of the following outcomes:

- Fines
- Loss of privileges
- Change in RSCO operational status

Should a change in operation status occur the last known Advisor will be notified by the Coordinator of Student Involvement via an email and written memorandum.

Probation- RSCOs that are placed on probation will be granted a period of one semester (16 weeks), from the date of the first notice, to redeem the misconduct. RSCOs on a probation status will be required to meet with the Coordinator of Student Involvement to create an action plan that will detail the steps required to be moved into a fully active status and will sign a conduct contract.

During the period of probation, the RSCO will have their RSCO privileges restricted and will be required to work directly with the Office of Student Involvement on all aspects of operation.

Failure to complete the probation plan within the given semester the RSCO will be placed on suspension and will have their RSCO status revoked.

Suspension- RSCOs on suspension will have all the privileges granted to RSCOs revoked. The suspension of a RSCO will be for one academic year (32weeks), from the date of the first notice. During this year the Advisor of the RSCO, and when applicable the Division Chair must meet with the Coordinator of Student Involvement to discuss the continuance of the RSCO at LC State.

Withdrawal of Recognition- Includes indefinite loss of all the privileges granted to RSCOs along with the loss of existing funds and assets. The reallocation of funds and assets will be processed in accordance to the financial policy outlined in this manual.

Appeals

Appeals will only be granted in cases where new evidence is discovered or procedures were not followed. RSCOs wishing to appeal a decision of the Office of Student Involvement, including Withdrawal of Recognition should follow these steps:

- 1. File a written request of appeal with the Office of Student Involvement, within five (5) business days of the original decision.
 - a. Within five (5) business days of the received request. A three-person panel, of unaffiliated members (2 student, 1 faculty/staff) will be selected by the Coordinator of Student Involvement to review and rule on the request of an appeal.

- b. The decision of the panel will be made within ten (10) business days or receipt of the appeal request and will be final except in the case of Withdrawal of Recognition.
- 2. A written copy of the findings and ruling will be provided to the RSCO Advisor, Coordinator of Student Involvement and the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Subsequent Appeals – Withdrawal of Recognition

Subsequent appeals must be submitted in the following manner to the Vice President for Student Affairs:

- 1. File a written request of appeal with the Vice President for Student Affairs with in five (5) business days of the decision of the selected panel.
 - a. The VP can request and review the written and oral arguments as required.
- 2. The Vice President for Student Affairs or the President of the college may overturn all decisions of the appeals panel.

Section 12 RSCO Resources

Online

<u>Do More</u> <u>Student Code of Conduct</u> <u>ASLCSC Funding Opportunities</u> Idaho SBOE Policies 25Live On Campus Event Space Reservations

LC Polices Manual
On Campus Catering

On Campus

Office of Student Involvement

Phone: 208-792-2717 Email: <u>kmmyers@lcsc.edu</u> Location: SUB/CSL 220 College Advancement Phone. 208-792-2458

 ${\bf Email:} \ \underline{collegead vancement@lcsc.edu}$

Office: 602 11th Ave

Purchasing Office

Phone: 208-792-2288 Email: <u>purch@lcsc.edu</u> Location: ADM 103 **Sodexo Catering Services**

Phone: 208-792-2244 Email: TBD

Location: SUB/CSL 119

LC Security

Phone: 208-792-2815 (duty phone)

Email: security@lcsc.edu

Office: MLH 110

Student Affairs

Phone: 208-792-2218

Email: studentaffairs@lcsc.edu

Office: RCH 112

Controller's Office

Phone: 208-792-2202 Email: coap@lcsc.edu Office: ADM 103

On Campus Reservation

Phone: 208-792-2060

25live.collegenet.com/pro/lcsc#!/home/dash

Location: SUB/CSL Info Desk

Risk Management

Phone: 208-792-2240

Email: vpfinanceadmin@lcsc.edu

Office: ADM 106