

## STUDENT CLUBS

### **I. Purpose**

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) believes that student clubs are a vital part of the campus community. Student clubs play a major role in creating a positive social, cultural, and academic environment at the school. Participation in student clubs enhances personal development and growth and can serve as an important source of personal and professional support.

### **II. General Statement of Policy**

- A. WDTC recognizes and supports student clubs for the purpose of addressing the interests of its students in so far as the purpose of such clubs are consistent with acceptable goals of education and in so far as they are approved by the WDTC Student Success Center as a recognized club.
- B. All WDTC student clubs must identify as one of the following:
  - 1. service and/or learning club with a co-curricular focus
  - 2. fundraising and/or social club
- C. It shall be a violation of this policy to not follow the policies and guidelines governing clubs and student conduct as stated in the Student Club Handbook and WDTC Student Handbook. Any violations of the rules and regulations governing student conduct will be subject to student disciplinary procedures as outlined in Policy 4435 – Student Conduct.

### **III. Definitions**

- A. “Acceptable goals of education” means the purpose of the club is to support personal and professional skill development related to academic and/or campus engagement.
- B. A Service and/or Learning Club with a Co-Curricular Focus is a club that contributes to the education of students, includes learning outcomes and is tied to the WDTC mission. Service and/or Learning Clubs work with the WDTC Assessment Coordinators to develop and assess learning of club participants.
- C. A Fundraising and/or Social Club is a club focused on fundraising efforts and providing a social element to students on campus, specifically those in the club. These clubs do not contribute to the education of students, do not include learning outcomes, and are not directly tied to the WDTC mission.

**IV. Reporting Procedures - None**

**V. Dissemination of Policy and Training**

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDTC website.
- B. Rules and regulations governing student clubs will be communicated to students through the WDTC Student Handbook and the WDTC Student Club Handbook.

Legal References: None

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