



Student Organization Handbook
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Welcome

A Message from the Union & Student Programming Manager:

Welcome, Student Leaders!

We are here to assist all student organizations. If you need assistance updating your organization's membership, planning an event, or guidance in helping your student organization grow, we are here to help. Student organizations at Delta State University are the heart of our campus, and we want to make sure you have every resource available to be successful. Please use this document to help guide you through your organization's journey.

For any questions, visit our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the H. L. Nowell Student Union, Suite 204. You may also call our office at 662-846-4788.

Introduction

This handbook for student organizations is intended to serve as a guideline for organizations seeking to be officially recognized by Delta State University. Regulations set forth in this publication are not intended to be restrictive or prohibitive in any way but are set forth to help students and student organizations operate within the guidelines consistent with the educational mission of the university.

Policies in this handbook are subject to change and may be done so only with the approval of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

About DSU Student Organizations

Student Organizations at Delta State University (DSU) play an important role in engaging students with leadership and involvement opportunities. University Services encourages each student to consider getting involved in at least one student organization. Research has shown getting involved on campus has a direct effect on retention and academic success. There are currently over 50 active student organizations on campus giving students the chance to meet new friends, participate in a variety of fun and educational activities, and often provide service opportunities for students to give back to DSU and the Mississippi Delta community. To see the list of all current student organizations, please visit <https://www.deltastate.edu/campus-life/student-organizations/>.

Student organizations exist to build upon and enrich the classroom experience. Every student is invited to participate in activities and find a place to belong. University Services believes involvement outside of the classroom is an important aspect of your education at Delta State. Any student can take the initiative to create a new student organization. There is an organization to meet your needs, whether it exists upon arrival at Delta State, or you pioneer a completely new organization.

University Services expects all student organizations to exemplify respect and inclusion in all organizational events and activities. As you represent your organization through its events and activities, please remember you are also representing Delta State. Please review and pay close attention to the guidelines and policies in this handbook. Feel free to consult University Services for clarification, guidance, and advice at any time. We encourage and welcome feedback on this handbook and all programs and services offered by our office. Don't hesitate to connect with us!

Official Recognition of Student Organizations

Professional, social, and spiritual growth is encouraged through participation in student organizations. Students are encouraged to establish and join clubs and organizations to enjoy the fellowship and services provided.

A group of students desiring to form a student organization may set up a meeting with the Union & Student Programming Manager. Documents needed are:

- A statement of purpose
- A constitution for the proposed group
- A list of officers for the proposed group including contact information
- The name of a faculty/staff advisor including contact information
- A list of funding sources

The constitution should cover, in detail, officer duties, membership qualifications; intake procedures, etc. A sample can be found at <https://www.deltastate.edu/campus-life/student-organizations/> . Once the Union & Student Programming Manager has reviewed the constitution an approval, denial, edits and/or suggestions will be sent to the student/s and advisor/s. After the constitution has been approved, the group will be recognized. The policy for forming student Greek lettered social organizations should be discussed with the Fraternity & Sorority, Retention & Risk Manager prior to application.

Rights and Privileges

The most important privilege accompanying recognition as a student organization is the official association with Delta State University. Additionally, organizations who are recognized may use university facilities for free*, advertise activities on the official university calendar and Okra Bytes, recognition in the online student organization database, and take advantage of university services.

*A refundable deposit may be assessed when appropriate.

Organizations officially registered with the Union & Student Programming Manager by October 1 for the fall and March 1 for the spring of each academic year will be included in the official list of student organizations to be published online by University Services. If organization information changes during the academic year, it is the organization's responsibility to notify University Services.

Responsibilities

As a DSU registered organization, your group has certain rights and privileges. With these privileges come certain responsibilities to maintain your organization's registered status. Those responsibilities include:

1. Each organization has a minimum of five (5) active student members to ensure continued success and longevity of the organization.
2. Each organization will comply with federal, state, and local laws and codes.

3. Each organization is responsible for the activities and/or actions of non-student members and guests while participating in any function sponsored by that organization.
4. Organizational information must be kept current with the Union & Student Programming Manager. To do so, be familiar with the procedures under the heading “Annual Registration of Student Organization” in this manual.
5. All organizations are responsible for the planning, supervising, and ensuring the safe operations of each of their hosted programs.
6. All organizations should function using sound financial management and are responsible for any debts to occur, including those to DSU.
7. Your organization must maintain an advisor at all times. If at any time your organization finds itself without an advisor and is having trouble finding one, please contact the Union & Student Programming Manager immediately and we may be able to assist you in your search.

Sanctions and Discipline

All organizations are subject to the rules and regulations contained within this handbook. Organizations are also subject to the rules and regulations found within the Delta State University Student Handbook. Non-Greek groups who violate policies of the university are subject to discipline imposed by the Student Conduct & Community Support Manager. Greek organizations who violate policies of the university are subject to discipline imposed by the appropriate disciplinary or judicial officer. This does not preclude additional action by other self-imposed entities. (I.e. the Greek Judicial Boards within the governing bodies)

The Student Conduct & Community Support Manager and other appropriate discipline officers or organizations have the right to recommend to the Union & Student Programming Manager and Vice President for Student Affairs an organization's recognition be withdrawn if serious or continual violation of university policy occurs.

Registration of Student Organizations

Annual Registration

A list of all recognized organizations and clubs may be obtained from University Services (H. L. Nowell Union 204). Registration procedures are coordinated through this office by the Union & Student Programming Manager. At the beginning of each academic year, organizations should provide this office with the following:

- A current constitution
- A list of current officers and contact information
- A list of members of the organization (minimum of 5)
- The name of the faculty/staff advisor
- The time and location of regularly held meetings

All Delta State University student organizations will register at the beginning of the Fall term with University Services. If organization information changes during the academic year, notify University Services.

Termination of Registration

University Services may temporarily recommend suspension or termination of the registered status of any organization. These decisions can or will be based on the following circumstances:

1. A written request from the organization to be dissolved, delivered in person to University Services.
2. A lapse in communication with University Services. As stated above, an organization must maintain an active, up-to-date file with University Services.
3. Failure to keep current with or meet financial obligations to the University.
4. Failure to comply with the organization's constitution or by-laws.
5. Failure to comply with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of DSU as determined by appropriate University officials.
6. Re-registering a terminated organization under another name.
7. Discovering a registered organization is active as an auxiliary group for another current organization.
8. Submitting false information to DSU.

Appeal Process: A student organization may initiate an appeal with the Vice President for Student Affairs of a suspension or termination decision by University Services. A letter of appeal may be submitted in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs and must be initiated within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notification of the decision. The letter should include the reasoning for appeal and any additional documentation you feel would be useful.

Scheduling and Planning

Only registered student organizations may conduct activities on or off campus. The use of university facilities for university-related activities must be approved by the Work Order & Event Services Manager. Initial scheduling and planning should begin early enough to acquire approval at least ten (10) business days prior to an event. Any organization desiring to use a campus facility should complete the required reservation form through Facilities Management.

The event should be cleared and entered on the university calendar before further arrangements are made (i.e. food services, live bands, technology requests, etc.). For more information on available campus spaces, please visit the [Calendar Event and Facility Reservation](https://www.deltastate.edu/students/calendar-and-facility-reservation/event-reservation-form/) webpage at <https://www.deltastate.edu/students/calendar-and-facility-reservation/event-reservation-form/>.

Deposits

A refundable deposit for use of university facilities may be required. Any student organization deposit will be refunded after the Work Order & Event Services Manager is satisfied the facility has been appropriately maintained. Groups who damage, trash, or fail to notify the Manager of cancellations will risk losing their deposit. Groups who fail to follow university rules and regulations also risk losing their deposit. After on-campus functions, groups are responsible for policing areas outside facilities for trash left by participants. Deposits may be waived by the Work Order & Event Services Manager on a case-by-case basis.

Conduct and Enforcement

Students and visitors attending social activities on or off campus sponsored by a university recognized organization will be subject to the rules and regulations of Delta State University, as listed in the current Student Handbook. The responsibility for knowing and enforcing University regulations rests with the organization sponsoring the event. Members of the organization assume full responsibility for the conduct of all attendees.

Posting of Fliers, Banners, and Other Advertisements

Delta State University strives to maintain the beauty of the university grounds and facilities. Students, faculty, and staff retain the right to post flyers, distribute handbills, and hang banners. A balance between the maintenance of the campus' appearance and the right to publicize can only be achieved through the following procedure:

- Individuals and organizations may post fliers only on billboards and/or designated areas on the inside of university buildings. Materials may be removed if they are found to be in violation of state or federal law or other applicable university policies.
- Advertisements containing alcohol, drugs, explosives, firearms, or other weapons will be removed immediately, and may cause the organization to be suspended from university grounds.
- The following types of messages may not be advertised under any circumstances, and the University reserves the right to remove any such messages and may impose disciplinary sanctions for them: legally obscene material; true threats, incitement; or any other material in violation of state or federal law or other applicable university policies.
- Fliers shall not be posted on doors, windows, walls, trees, trash containers, columns/posts, benches, or any exterior part of any building. Deans, department chairs, or facilities coordinators may grant exceptions to these restrictions within their buildings/areas.
- No items may be placed on the windshields of vehicles parked on campus grounds. Advertisements on vehicles are permitted by vehicle owners only (i.e. window paint).
- Organizations wishing to post fliers in the residence halls must follow the policies and procedures outlined by the Housing Managers (Union 204). They must approve all fliers posted in the residence halls. The posting of fliers will be done only by housing staff members.
- Digital advertisements can be submitted to be added to TVs across campus if sent to the Union & Student Programming Manager at union@deltastate.edu for approval. **Submissions must be a JPG, JPEG or PNG files sized 1920 x 1080 pixels.** This does not mean putting a vertical file onto a horizontal background image.
- Banners may be affixed to the outside of the H. L. Nowell Union upon approval of the Union & Student Programming Manager. Banners may be removed if they are in violation of state or federal law or of other applicable university policies. Space for banners is provided on a first come basis and will be taken down twenty-four (24) hours after the advertised event has taken place. Other arrangements may be made with the Union & Student Programming Manager. No banner shall be placed over an existing banner.
- Banners may be affixed to university athletic facilities upon approval of the Coordinator of Athletics Operations.
- "Chalking" is defined as the marking of a surface with chalk to communicate a message. Chalking is not allowed on university property. This includes but is not limited to water soluble chalk, paint, or other markers and adhesive.
- Any materials found in violation of the above criteria will be taken down and/or removed.

Student Organization Status

Recognized Status

Organizations who meet the recognition requirements and maintain compliance with campus policy receive all of the benefits of university recognition. These include:

- Assistance from University Services, Student Affairs and the Student Government Association (SGA) Appropriation Request
- Use of University facilities, services and resources according to established policies.
- Participation in University activities and programs
- Right to advertise on campus

Suspended Status

Organizations with ineligible officers or failing to complete the renewal process by the October 1 (FALL) or March 1 (SPRING) deadline will be placed on suspension. Organizations on suspension can no longer make room reservation requests or request funding through the Vice President of Student Affairs, Union & Student Programming Manager or Student Government Association. While on suspension, existing room reservations and funding will not be cancelled. To be removed from suspension status, organizations must complete the process outlined given their circumstance, meaning they either need to replace the ineligible officers or complete the late renewal process if they missed the deadline. This status may also be used when investigating or addressing student organizational conduct matters as determined by the Student Conduct & Community Support Manager.

Inactive Status

Organizations failing to complete the late renewal process by November 1 (FALL) or April 1 (SPRING) will be placed on inactive status. Room reservations will be cancelled, and previously awarded and unused monies will be withdrawn from inactive organizations. Inactive organizations no longer have University recognition nor the benefits as such. To be removed from inactive status, organizations must follow the process to return from inactivity.

Not Recognized/Recognition Removal

Organizations who have their recognition removed by University Services do not have access to any of the benefits of recognition which are outlined in this Handbook. Questions about recognition removal should be directed to the Union & Student Programming Manager.

Existing Student Organizations - Fall Renewal Process

Every Fall semester, student organizations must renew their recognition by October 1. Clubs with ineligible officers from the previous year are placed on suspended status and should work to update their registration as soon as possible, though also no later than October 1. To renew your recognition, complete the following steps in this order:

STEP 1: The President, Vice President and up to 3 other officers wishing to transact business for the organization must attend one of the Organization Leadership sessions held before October 1.

STEP 2: One of the officers will submit the Organization Registration through the [Student Organization Update Form](#) on the Student Organizations page of the university's Campus Life webpage.

STEP 3: Your organization's submission will be reviewed by the Union & Student Programming Manager and a confirmation email will be sent to the president and advisor email provided.

Recognized Organization Categories

Types of student organizations recognized by the University include:

Academic/Departmental	Organizations tied to an academic program or department on campus
Community Service	Organizations committed to serving non-profits and the community
Culture & Identity	Organizations that represent and celebrate culture and heritage
Governance	Organizations that represent the student body
Honorary	Organizations dedicated to academic achievement in various disciplines
Recreation & Sport Clubs	Organizations engaged in intercollegiate competition or recreational endeavors
Religious	Organizations that are faith based
Social Greek Organizations	Organizations that are members of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Special Interests	Organizations dedicated to student passions that do not fall in previous categories

Advisors

Organizations are required to have a part/full-time faculty or exempt professional staff member as an advisor. Groups are permitted to have non-University related Advisors in addition to their Faculty/Staff Advisor if they wish. Selection of a particular person as advisor is the choice of the organization and is by mutual agreement of both parties. Faculty and staff often look forward to opportunities to work with students outside the traditional classroom and in areas of personal interests.

Advisor's Responsibilities to the Organization

- Be familiar with the organization's objectives, constitution, and bylaws.
- Meet regularly with student leaders to give them support and encourage them to accept their responsibilities, meet their objectives, and develop as leaders.
- Be familiar with university policies and risk management procedures to assist leaders in their efforts to conduct business on campus.
- Be able to help members explore alternatives as they plan activities and events, realizing final decisions and organizational management are the responsibility of the members.
- Help leaders during periods of transition in an effort to maintain continuity.
- Assist the organization in their efforts to secure funding from campus and/or community sources.
- Alert student leaders to potential organizational problems.

Replacing an Ineffective Advisor

Occasionally an advisor to a student organization does not meet the expectations of the organization or fails to fulfill the responsibilities of an advisor. If a student organization feels their advisor is ineffective, the organization's President should contact the Union & Student Programming Manager to discuss the

problems or issues involving their advisor. As a follow-up on expressed concerns, a central file will be maintained to document all remedial efforts and corrective actions. If a student organization and its advisor are unable to resolve the issue(s), the student organization's constitution stipulates they can vote to remove the advisor.

Liability and Advisors

Voluntary advisors to recognized student organizations are not usually directly responsible for the activities of the group. Advisors are accepting the risk of being included in third party complaints against the organization and for their own actions. While the University cannot preclude third party actions which might include the advisor, the University offers the services of legal staff in such instances.

Organization's Responsibilities to the Advisor

The organization is expected to have the following responsibilities:

- To keep the advisor informed concerning the overall program of the organization
- To notify the advisor well in advance of the schedule of meetings and events
- To see the advisor receives all minutes of meetings
- Utilize the advisor as a resource to the leadership and members

The Union & Student Programming Manager serves in a general advisory role to organizations and advises as they need and particular questions arise.

Organization Activities

Off-Campus Activities

All university groups are encouraged to hold their activities on campus. Please contact the Union & Student Programming Manager for more information to sponsor your event on campus. When an off-campus facility is used by an organization, it is the sponsoring organization's responsibility to observe all rules and regulations governing the facility. The organization is expected to abide by all state and local laws, as well as all university rules and regulations, whether in or out of town, and, if necessary, is subject to university disciplinary action. All off-campus events must be submitted using the off-campus event form on the [Calendar Event and Facility Reservation](#) website.

Social Activities

Opportunities for social activities within and between student organizations are encouraged when these activities serve to complement the educational and developmental pursuits of students. To achieve this, the university has established guidelines for sponsoring, promoting, and executing social activities. Any activity involving a planned gathering of students for social purposes shall be defined as a social activity. This is to include activities on and off university property and shall be governed by university rules and regulations.

Registration of Social Activities

Any social activity on the Delta State University campus must be registered with the university at least ten (10) business days prior to the activity. This may be done by completing the [Event Reservation Form](#). All facility reservations may be made via this form.

Time Restrictions for Social Activities

End times should be 12 AM for Sunday-Thursday events and 1 AM for Friday and Saturday events. Post-event cleanup and breakdown can be discussed with the Work Order & Event Services Manager, although it is preferable to do this as soon as your event ends.

*Any activity involving a sound system or band held outside on university property must end by 10:30 PM. Permission for modification of the schedule will be heard on a case-by-case basis by the Union & Student Programming Manager and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Security

A request for on campus security may be made through the Campus Police department (Bailey 108). Security costs and fees may be incurred by the user/organization. All requests for security must be made at least 10 business days in advance. You may email police@deltastate.edu or call 662-846-4155 to make a security request.

Fundraising Activities

Any organization planning to conduct or participate in any fundraising project must complete and file a Fundraising Intent and Approval Form with the Union & Student Programming Manager three (3) days prior to the beginning of the project (See Appendix B). This includes student organizations participating in off campus charitable projects. All projects must be approved before participation can take place.

Student organizations may provide services or sell products to raise and/or collect funds. Fundraising projects and procedures in violation of the Delta State University Vending Policy will not be allowed (See Appendix C). Organizations are encouraged to consult said policy before undertaking any fundraising projects. Solicitation of funds for projects other than “approved” charities is not encouraged, and solicitation under false pretense will not be allowed.

Student organizations are encouraged to place limitations on the solicitation to local residents and businesses. The Delta State University Foundation requests notification of all solicitations for funds and sales of goods or services in the community. Student organizations should work through the DSU Foundation for fundraising efforts. The Union & Student Programming Manager will handle any such notification for organizations. Student organizations are urged to adequately and appropriately advertise the approved fundraising activity.

Non-University Speakers

The Board of Trustees of Institutions for Higher Learning (IHL) for the State of Mississippi requires any organization hosting an outside speaker to make a request to the University for permission for the speaker to appear on campus. The request is to be made to the Vice President for Student Affairs seven (7) days before the official invitation is issued.

Hazing

For all stated aims and purposes of Delta State University, attending students of the institution should not only achieve intellectual enrichment, but also spiritual, moral, physical, and social enrichment as well. Students are expected to be honest and truthful, to abide by the student regulations, indicated in the Student Handbook, to respect and obey existing laws, to respect private and public property, to observe generally accepted standards of conducts, and to respect the rights of the individuals. Violations of these principles may subject students to disciplinary action determined by the established University judicial system.

Hazing

Under the university policies, which narrowly aligns with Mississippi state statutes, hazing is “any action, activity, or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental, emotional, or physical health or safety of any student, regardless of their willingness to participate. This includes, but is not limited to, acts that cause discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or any physical or mental harm.”

Hazing includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- Brutality of a physical nature such as beating, whipping, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of food, beverages, liquor, drugs, or other substances
- Forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual
- Activity that would embarrass or effect the dignity of the individual or would subject the individual to exclusion from social contact

Generally, any activity which is done or expected of a perspective member, with or without the perspective member’s consent, but is not done or expected of a current member may also be considered as a hazing activity. (See Appendix D for the Criminality of Hazing)

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Alcohol

Based on the authority granted to Delta State University by the Mississippi Constitution Article VIII, Section 213-A, Mississippi Code Annotated S37-101-15 (1972 as amended), and the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees' Policies and Bylaws, the university prohibits the possession, sale, or consumption of alcohol on university property. Delta State University expects all students and student groups/organizations to abide by all local, state, and federal laws regarding alcohol possession and consumption while off-campus. Registered student organizations, not Delta State University, have the responsibility of policing their off-campus functions to ensure that existing local, state, and federal laws are not violated.

Unlawful sale, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, by students on campus is prohibited. While the university has no control over off-campus social functions, the following guidelines concerning the use of alcohol at student organizations off-campus functions are suggested:

1. Organizations and individual student members will abide by all federal, state, and local laws and DSU policies.
2. No organizational funds may be used to purchase alcohol.
3. When alcohol is present:
 - a. Non-alcoholic beverages should also be served;
 - b. Food (preferably low salt, high protein) should be served;
 - c. No alcohol should be consumed during the last hour of the event; and
 - d. An effective system should be in place to transport guests who drink home (e.g., buses or nondrinking designated drivers).
4. Appropriate and reasonable behavior is expected of all students and their guests who attend an event associated with a registered organization of DSU. The health and safety of students and their guests will be taken into consideration when planning and implementing an activity.

Greek letter social organizations must also abide by the rules and regulations concerning alcohol at social activities as stated in the individual chapter's Risk Management policies.

This alcohol policy supersedes all previous alcohol policies and renders all such policies null and void.

Drugs

The unlawful sale, possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs is prohibited.

Firearms, Explosives, and Other Weapons

In accordance with university regulations, the University prohibits:

1. The possession by a student of any firearm on the campus of DSU.
2. The possession of any type of explosive, other weapon, firecracker, or the like on university-controlled property is prohibited. Exceptions may be permitted for fireworks displays planned in advance for celebrations.

Title IX

Delta State University expects that all members of the University community – students, faculty, staff – should be able to pursue their work and education in a safe environment, free from sex/gender-based misconduct. To this end, the University is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free of sexual misconduct. The term sexual misconduct includes, but is not limited to, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence. The University aims to eradicate sexual misconduct through education, training, clear policies, and serious consequences for violations of this policy.

An Abridged Version of this Policy appears on all first-contact materials sent out from the University, and in Syllabi. This policy statement succinctly reads:

Delta State University is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free from sexual and gender-based discrimination or harassment. Our goal is for all to have equal access to the many great services and opportunities we offer. For more information, please refer to the Title IX Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Assault, and Sexual Harassment Policy.

Greek Life

New Member Recruitment/New Member Intake Process

No social Greek organization may begin a process of taking new membership until the submission of all potential new members information on the Grade Release Form/New Member Intake Packet. For formal recruitment processes, the Office of University Services must be provided with the date, time, and location of recruitment events. This documentation must be submitted to the Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment, Retention & Risk Program Manager who will confirm receipt for the organization to move forward.

Greek Organization Rosters

Social Greek organizations will maintain a more detailed roster with the Office of University Services. The following policy and procedure are established to coordinate the task of verifying membership in fraternities and sororities each semester. Accurate rosters are required for many reasons, namely:

- Dues assessment by Councils
- Membership eligibility
- Research and statistics used for assessment and evaluation related to Greek Life
- Inter/national office statistics (i.e. GPA, ranking, chapter growth)

Appendices

Appendix A: University Fundraising Intent and Approval Form

Appendix B: University Vending Policy

Policy taken from the Delta State University Student Handbook

Appendix C: Criminality of Hazing

University Fundraising Intent and Approval Form

Name of Organization _____

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

If the event is located on campus, have you completed the proper *Facility Reservations Form* with University Services? _____ YES _____ NO

The proceeds from this fund-raising project will be used to:

Type of project (circle one):

Donation

Raffle

Sale of Product(s)

Silent Auction

Other (specify) _____

Cost of item or ticket being sold \$ _____

Profit per item or ticket being sold \$ _____

Other organizations involved _____

Signature of Presiding Officer _____

Signature of Faculty/Staff Advisor _____

Approved by Union & Student Programming Manager _____

Date _____

Approved by Work Order & Event Services Manager _____

Date _____

Delta State University Vending Policy Statement

Re: Sales Agents and Consumer Goods

The following regulations are essentially ones of long standing. The section relating to sales agents is restated primarily because of numerous student complaints concerning salesmen contacting them in the residence halls, University apartments, the student union, etc.

- I. Sales Agents – Sales agents for insurances, investments, cookery, jewelry, books, magazines, services, etc. will NOT contact students, faculty, staff, or employees in the residence halls, student union, offices, and workstation on the university campus or grounds, except under the following conditions:
 - a. *In the residence halls and apartments* – NO EXCEPTIONS;
 - b. *In the H. L. Nowell Union* – Only with approval of the Union & Student Programming Manager. Such approval may be given for a specified period and not as permanent permission;
 - c. *To faculty members* – Only with the approval from the Vice President of Academic Affairs or the appropriate school or college dean;
 - d. *To staff members and other employees* – Only with the approval from the employees' supervisor.

Deliveries may be made to the campus, provided no solicitor comes to the campus to take such orders. There is no intention to limit or restrict the sale or solicitation of business to Delta State University personnel, provided such sale or solicitation is not done on the university campus or grounds.

NOTE: Any off-campus salesman violating these regulations will be asked to leave the premises. Upon a second violation, he/she will be subject to a trespassing penalty.

- II. Consumer Goods –
 - a. Consumer Goods Vending is under the supervision of the university's Student Business Services Office;
 - b. The sale of most items for consumption (i.e. cold drinks, candy, cookies, sandwiches, etc.) will be handled in the student union and in campus vending machines;
 - c. There will be no peddling or vending of consumer goods by students in campus buildings or on campus grounds unless prior approval is obtained from the Union & Student Programming Manager or the VPSA;
 - d. University recognized clubs and organizations wishing to sell items at university athletic events must seek approval, first, through the Union & Student Programming Manager and/or VPSA, then through the Athletic Director;

- e. A request for approval of a fundraising activity must be filed with the Union & Student Programming Manager University Services, H. L. Nowell Union 204, at least three days prior to the beginning of the project.

III. Violations – Violations of these regulations by a person connected with Delta State University will be subject to disciplinary action. Any off-campus salesman violating these regulations will be asked to leave the premises. Upon a second violation, he/she will be subject to a trespassing penalty. Violations of these regulations should be reported to:

- a. *Concerning residence halls/university housing* – the Housing Administration, Assignments and Facilities Program Manager OR the Residential Education, Learning & Staffing Program Manager;
- b. *Concerning faculty members* – the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- c. *Concerning staff members and other employees* – the employee's direct supervisor; and
- d. *Concerning the H. L. Nowell Union* – the Union & Student Programming Manager.

Criminality of Hazing

As defined by Mississippi, hazing is a crime. Persons involved in hazing may be subject to criminal charges as defined by state law.

Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-105

§ 97-3-105. Hazing; punishment

(1) A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury.

(2) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both.

(3) A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person.

(4) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(5) The provisions of this section shall be in addition to other criminal laws, and actions taken pursuant to this section shall not bar prosecutions for other violations of criminal law.