Classifications of Student Organizations

Clubs

A club is a group of 10 or more current students who have joined together for a common social, educational, social justice, religious or cultural purpose. A charter granted by the Senate and the Association President that is approved by the Dean of Students or designee, establishes a campus club. Clubs select for themselves faculty or staff advisor(s) that are full-time employees of the University. Clubs shall be operated by their student members and elected leadership to plan and conduct their own activities within the guidelines set by the Senate and the University. They are entitled to receive Association funding, but are not guaranteed to be completely financed by the Association. Clubs are also given Association resources by the Senate and the Association President, including: general supplies, copying, banner paper and paint, and/or the use of any Club Space rental items as well as access to request Special Request Funding and an annual budget allocation from the SGA Financial Affairs Committee.

The Office of Student Involvement shall supervise and enforce University policies and procedures related to campus clubs. In addition, Clubs are required to complete a Mid Year and End of Year Report with the Office of Student Involvement.

All clubs shall maintain their rights to exist and be recognized so long as they maintain an active membership, are sufficiently different from all other Clubs, are consistent with the goals and mission of the University as a Jesuit, Catholic institution, and are of merit under the provisions of the Association Constitution.

Clubs are categorized into one of the following categories: Academic, Cultural, Honors, Music/Performing Arts, Service/Social Justice, Special Interests and Spiritual.

Subordinate Bodies

A Subordinate Body of the Association is a student organization that serves an official function on behalf of the student body by governing a select number of clubs or hall councils existing on campus. Subordinate Bodies primarily govern smaller programming organizations and must have a faculty or staff advisor chosen by the group or appointed by the University to serve in an advising capacity to the group. They are responsible to the Association President for their areas of official function and are eligible to receive Association funding. One of the most common functions of a Subordinate Body is to directly distribute a dedicated pool of Association funds to the groups which they oversee. Subordinate Bodies may be given special authorities, granted by the Senate or the Association President related to their oversight of other organizations and the interest or needs of the student body. When a Subordinate Body is serving their function of governing other clubs and organizations, rules established by the body may not supersede existing policies, procedures and University regulations that already apply to the clubs and organizations.

The Office of Student Involvement, along with other departments with whom the Subordinate Body is associated, shall supervise and enforce University policies and procedures related to campus clubs. In addition, Subordinate Bodies are required to complete a Mid Year and End of Year Report with the Office of Student Involvement.

A club or organization petitioning to be a Subordinate Body must complete the Subordinate Body Recognition Process. The completed application must then be approved by a majority vote of the Senate. Subordinate Bodies are eligible for some of the resources granted to Clubs by the Senate and Association President, including: general supplies, copying, banner paper and paint, and/or the use of any Club Space rental items. These resources do not include any additional funding beyond the initial allocation, such as a Special Request from the SGA Financial Affairs Committee.

University-Affiliated Organizations

A University-Affiliated Organization (UAO) is an organization of students whose function is very similar to a Club, but they have a special, elevated relationship with a University Department or Office. Their function serves a role larger than a club which provides a greater
Student Working Groups are student organizations who are not chartered as clubs, but are formed as a student group by an office or department to fill a specific need or function on behalf of that department or office. Student Working Groups may exist to execute programs and activities on behalf of a department or may serve the office in an advisory board capacity. Student Working Groups are not affiliated with the Student Government Association but may work in connection with Association bodies, although they are not eligible to receive any funding from the Association. As groups that are a programmatic or advisory student-arm of
a department, they are not bound by Association decisions but are subject to the same protocol, policies and procedures as the office or department itself and of the university.

Student Working Groups are eligible to participate in Club Day but are sanctioned to the Department/Office section within Club Day, as they are not clubs. Student Working Groups may be granted an OrgSync portal with approval from the Office of Student Involvement. Through their affiliated department, Student Working Groups are eligible to reserve space, advertise on campus, hold a University email account or webpage within a larger departmental site, and utilize the University funds and budgeting system by the department requesting appropriate access on their behalf.

Interest Groups
An interest group is a semi-organized group of current students who have joined together for a common purpose, often social or recreational. The group is not considered a club and cannot receive any type of funding from the University or from the Association. The Office of Student Involvement is responsible for registering interest groups and enforcing all University policies and procedures with said groups. The group must host all activities on campus and is eligible to reserve space and to advertise their activities, but does not receive any other resources given to other student organizations such as the ability to raise, hold a university email or financial account, or travel on behalf of their group. In order to register with the Office of Student Involvement, the Interest Group must have a University faculty or staff member agreeing to serve as an advisor and must submit a copy of their mission statement/intended goals of their interest group. Their mission shall not be in conflict with the mission of the University and should be positively supporting the culture of student life at Xavier. Interest Groups are not required to complete a Mid Year or End of Year Report.

Club Sports
Club Sports are competitive team groups that provide structured competition for student members who are non-intercollegiate athletes. Teams compete against other clubs and sometimes varsity teams from universities throughout the Midwest. Many of the Club Sports play in organized leagues and can compete for a national championship. Some Club Sports exist solely for recreational purposes. All Club Sports provide a learning experience through involvement in the organization and administration of the club activities as well as the development of sports skills. There is no minimum skill level necessary to be involved in a Club Sport. Club Sports are recognized and governed by the Club Sports Council, a Subordinate Body of the Association, and are supervised by the Recreational Sports Department.