

To: Students of the School of Forest Resources  
From: Interim Director Tom Hinckley  
Re: Student Organizations

Now that we are into the academic year, I trust that you have settled into the routine of your classes and other activities. An important part of an academic experience is involvement in University-sponsored student organizations. In Forest Resources, we have a number of active organizations, including the Forest Club, SAF, the Dead Elk Society, Xi Sigma Pi, GSS, the Wildlife Society, TAPPI, the Geospatial Club, and the Society for Ecological Restoration. In addition, students actively organize events such as the graduate student symposium, the Xi Sigma Pi initiation, etc. If you are interested in any of these, I encourage you to become involved. If there are other activities you would like to see represented, I encourage you to take steps toward making it happen. Student participation and leadership in these student organizations should be and are a critical part of your development as a member of the University of Washington community.

There are a number of rules that we ask all student organizations in the School follow.

1. In order to be eligible for annual financial assistance from the Director's Office, each student organization must register with the Student Activities Office at <http://depts.washington.edu/sao/>.
2. A faculty advisor must be identified by each student organization. In some instances, a staff member may fill this role. The advisor is responsible for signing all required banquet permits and for general oversight of the organization. Students share this latter responsibility. In addition, they are responsible for getting signature approval and for filing the associated paperwork in connection with any organization functions and events.
3. By November 10th of each academic year, each student organization desiring financial assistance from the Director's Office is asked to submit an itemized budget request for Director's funding to Michelle Trudeau. Expenses not authorized through this process will not be covered by the Director's funding. Since financial resources are very limited, we may not be able to satisfy all requests. (Please identify a student contact as well as a faculty advisor in the budget request.)

If you have any questions concerning these policies, please contact Michelle Trudeau, Director of Student and Academic Services.

Best wishes for a successful quarter and academic year.

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