Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Fundraising Guidance for Student Groups

Summary of Purpose

To provide guidance to approved, registered student groups who would like to raise funds for an external charitable organization or who seek additional funding for their student group.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all enrolled Geisel students and Geisel recognized organizations.

Definitions

Fundraising is the process of seeking and gathering voluntary financial contributions. In this context, fundraising refers to efforts to gather money for non-profit organizations.

Third Party Organizations in this context refer only to registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations.

Policy Statement

Fundraising Guidance:

Raising funds for an outside charitable organization:

With limited exceptions, Dartmouth/Geisel does not facilitate the solicitation of funds for the benefit of third-party organizations. If your student group wishes to plan a fund drive for the benefit of a third-party organization [must be a registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization], we suggest providing a direct link to an organization's fundraising page. Student groups may not use a chart string or group account to fundraise for third parties.

When advertising for a fundraiser you must add the following language to the bottom of any attachments/flyers/emails:

"*This event is organized by [name of Geisel-approved student organization]. [Name of benefitting organization] is not affiliated with Dartmouth College or the Geisel School of Medicine, and no donations will be directed to Dartmouth College.*"

Raising funds to benefit a student group: If your student group is seeking funding, please fill out this Student Government Discretionary Fund form, which will then be directed through the Student Government for consideration. A student group is not permitted to solicit donations for personal use.

Procedure

We suggest that advertising requests be sent to the Student Life team for review and distribution to class listservs.

LCME Standard

None.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

None.

Policy Administration

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Policy Contact Information

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History

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Background

None.