

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
ADVISOR NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

CURRICULA MENU: FALL 2013

To schedule a presentation of any of these topics, please email Kirk Johnson at kirkjohnson@valdosta.edu on or before November 4th for presentations during the Fall semester. Spring requests are now being accepted.

- Advising 101 | Budgeting 101
- Building Membership
- Public Relations
- Social & Professional Etiquette
- "What Could Go Wrong?" (Event Planning 101)
- "Everybody has THAT guy" (Confronting Non-Performers)
- Student Organization Policy: Decoded
- "That wasn't in the binder" (Officer Transitions)
- Recruitment and Retention
- Fundraising 101 | Leadership 101
- The 'H' Word (Hazing)
- Resume Writing and Networking

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GA: KIRK JOHNSON

The Office of Student Life is pleased to welcome a new Graduate Assistant for Student Organizations, Kirk Johnson. Kirk comes to us from the Bahamas and is an alumnus of VSU where he served as an RA in Reid Hall. He studied Marketing and Media and is now earning his Masters of Education in Higher Education Leadership. Kirk is also a Toastmaster & Human Relations Coach.

Kirk would really like to get to know our student organizations and would appreciate your group inviting him to attend your next meeting. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to the newest member of the Student Life team!



NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES

[The Middle Won't Come to You: Motivating the Average Student](#)

[Making Time for Your Own Development](#)

[How and Why to Be a Leader](#)

[Social Change According to John Wooden](#)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



This semester's outstanding student organization is M.A.G. - Media Arts Geniuses. Their mission is to bring together the various fields' of talent found at Valdosta State University into a constructive group to collaborate and showcase their skills. This organization will allow its members to showcase their talents while providing entertainment to the campus. MAG is a constant participant in events and activities that other organizations host and even partner with Greek chapters to co-sponsor educational events and activities. Learn more about MAG on Campus Connect.

Think that your organization should be featured in the monthly spotlight? Contact us and let us know why!

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ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS

COMING, JANUARY 2014

As many students, faculty and staff are likely aware, the Office of Student Life is pleased to announce the requirements for all registered student organizations. During the summer of 2013, select faculty, staff and students met to audit the current student organizations system, requirements and benefits. From these meetings came the following guidelines which will go into effect on January 1st, 2014 as part of the required organization re-registration. Organizations will have until midnight on February 15, 2014 to re-register for calendar year.

GPA:

- 2.0 members, 2.5 leaders (semester GPA)
- Organizations are allowed to create higher GPA requirements
- All students who have below a 2.0 will have their names emailed to the organization advisor at the close of each semester by the Assistant Director of Student Life. Membership decisions will be left to the discretion of the advisor.

Membership:

- Minimum of 10 at any given time; new organizations will have one semester from the date of registration to meet requirement

Advisor(s): All advisors must complete an online Blazeview training module each year that will cover: Student Organization Policy, Student advising practices, Advisor expectations, Finances, Hazing Prevention, and Office of Student Life procedures. Successful completion will take place with their attendance at the Mandatory Student Organization Meeting each fall. All organizations must have an advisor who is a full-time faculty/staff member.

Financial Management:

- All organizations are required to show proof of a bank account. While any financial institution is allowed, an account at the VSU Foundation is strongly encouraged. Any organization receiving funding from the Allocations Committee is required to have a VSU Foundation Account.
- If collecting money (membership dues, t-shirts, special projects, travel, etc.) a meeting with a professional staff member in the Office of Student Life is required

Bylaws: During student organization re-registration each January, all student organizations will have the choice to upload a document of their Bylaws/Constitution but will also have to fill in specific fields within Campus Connect about their specific organization policies. These can easily be copied and pasted from their Bylaws/Constitution

Program/ Service:

- Each semester, all organizations will be required to complete at least 2 program(s)/service (s) which contribute to the VSU community and/or its students. Organizations will have the option of one each, or two of either, whichever is most in light with their organizational mission.

Program- Event, Educational Speaker, Fellowship gathering, Forums (This excludes: Regularly scheduled meetings, Interest meetings, Informationals)

Service-Activity, Experimental, Community Outreach, Civic Exchange, Acts of Service, Trainings. Etc.

- The Advisor will be responsible for keeping track of program/event and submitting it to the Office of Student Life by February 15th for Fall events and by September 15th for Spring events