Policy Title
Student Activities/Volunteer Community Service

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LCME Standards
6.6 – Service Learning

Scope
University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville students

Policy Statement
The Office for Student Affairs will support the development of and participation in student organizations and specialty interest groups. Student organizations, specialty interest groups, research experiences and community service activities must be aligned with the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville mission and vision and partner health system clinical departments and/or national organizations when appropriate.

Reason for Policy
The purpose of this policy is to provide the level of recommended engagement for student participation in student organizations, specialty interest groups, research experiences and community service activities in relation to their academic performance and professional behavior.

Procedures
1. Students interested in developing new student organizations or specialty interest groups should follow the process guidelines outlined by Student Government (available on Canvas).

2. The Office for Student Affairs will help students coordinate with relevant health system offices and community partners to facilitate student participation in voluntary community service opportunities. The
Office for Student Affairs will keep a record of student community engagement data, to be available for reporting when appropriate.

a. Student participation in community health fairs or health assessments that involve patient care or contact must have appropriate supervision by a healthcare practitioner licensed in South Carolina. Students should always present themselves as medical students and not licensed health care providers, and recognize that professional liability or injury insurance may not extend to all volunteer activities.

3. Based on the assessment of Student Affairs and/or Academic Affairs, students who are currently underperforming academically may be required to cease engagement in extracurricular activities until they return to good standing. This determination is made at the discretion of UofSC School of Medicine Greenville faculty, staff and administrators and will be communicated directly to the student. The same is true if a student has a professionalism violation. The student may be required to cease engagement in extracurricular activities until corrective action has been taken.

**Sanctions**

If a student is not in good academic standing, the Office for Student Affairs reserves the right to recommend a student withdraw from and/or not join specific student organizations, specialty interest groups, research experiences and community service activities.

If a student has a professionalism violation, the Honor and Professionalism Council (HPC) and Office for Student Affairs also reserve the right to have a student withdraw from and/or not join student organizations, specialty interest groups, research experiences and community service activities.

**Additional Contacts**

Office for Student Affairs  
Office for Academic Affairs  
Office for Medical Student Research  
Honor and Professionalism Council (HPC)  
Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (SEPC)

**Related Information**

UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook  
Student Government Guidelines for Student Organization Approval & Requirements

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