



# Club Derecognition Policy

## Policy Information

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In addition to situations of automatic derecognition, the Student Association reserves the right to terminate a club's recognition who is found to violate any By-Laws, policy, rule, regulation, or law as set forth by the Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY, New York State, or Federal Government. Pending final determination, a club may be temporarily suspended from performing any activity by the SA Officers if there is reasonable evidence that the club has been part of an action that is deemed as a "clear and present danger" to themselves or others in the campus community or has violated rules as it pertains to spending money.

While temporarily suspended a club's budget will be frozen, and they will not be allowed to perform any club functions.

In order for a club to be reviewed for derecognition a club violation report will be completed through the Student Association Website.

The final decision on the derecognition of any club will be made by at least two SA Officers, of which one must be the SA Vice President. Once a club violation report has been submitted the SA Officers may ask additional staff members to advise them on the situation and help gather addition information. The club will be invited to submit a written statement to the Officers pertaining to the topic of the violation. The club officers and the email on file for them according to the SA website at the time will be who is notified of all proceedings. The club will be given 7 days to respond to any request for additional information that Officers believes is pertinent to deciding the matter.

Once the final decision has been made the club will be informed of the outcome, and if the violation(s) occurred and the necessary SA Officers determine derecognition to be an appropriate outcome, the club will be derecognized.

Clubs who wish to appeal this decision based upon procedural error by SA or violation of law can appeal to the Student Association Senate. Any club who wished to appeal must do so within 30 days of the decision being given to them in writing.

A new club application for a club that is determined to be the same as a previously derecognized club via the below criteria will be denied for two full semesters after their initial derecognition.

In determining whether a new club applicant is the same as a club that was previously derecognized, SA may look at consistency of purpose, activities, club officers and membership of the proposed new club in comparison to the previously derecognized club. The club applicants will also need to provide sufficient proof that they have taken reasonable precautions to ensure such wrongdoing does not happen again.