# CODE OF ETHICS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. **Relationship of Student Organizations to the University**: Recognition of, or registration of, an organization does not mean that the university supports or adheres to the views held or position taken by registered or recognized student groups. Responsibility for any action that violates federal, state or local laws or university regulations is assumed by the individual group and its advisor, officers and members.

2. **Introduction of Code of Ethics**: The extension of privileges by the university as detailed in this document requires all student organizations to be registered and to conduct their organizations and activities as responsible bodies in their relationships with their members, other students, the community and the university. Organizations and their members are subject to being governed and sanctioned by the same rules and regulations established for individual students. This Code of Ethics has been established for all registered and recognized student organizations. Each registered student organization must adopt and abide by this Code of Ethics.

3. **Specific Standards of Ethics**

   a. **Academic**: In accordance with the academic mission of the university, a portion of an organization's activities should reflect a conscious effort to enrich each member's academic development.

   b. **Character Development**: The moral conduct and personal behavior of each member affect the organization's image. This makes it important for the individual to act at all times with self-respect and integrity.

   c. **Community Relations**: All organization members will conduct themselves in a supportive positive relationship with the community, as their actions reflect upon the university as a whole.

   d. **Financial Management**: All funds shall be used in a judicious manner. Members shall not incur debts (either individually or in the name of the organization) that Result in organizational disability. All financial debts must be paid to maintain active status.

   f. **Leadership Development**: The continuing existence of the organization requires a regular succession of effective leaders. An appropriate program would provide for the development of the members' leadership skills for future positions in leadership roles.

   g. **Legal Responsibility**: Each organization's members have a responsibility to know and uphold all federal, state and local laws and university policies. Students should be knowledgeable of, and comply with, the expectations set forth for individual students and for organizations as stated in the Code of Ethics for Student Organizations.

h. **Multicultural Sensitivity**: Both the university community and the larger society are diverse with persons from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Organizations must recognize and respect the cultural heritage of others. Compliance with Auburn University at Montgomery Equal Opportunity Policy is required. Guidance regarding the interpretation of this policy is always available from the university human resources officers.

e. **Wellness**: Members shall take basic precautionary measures to ensure individual and group safety. An appropriate program would encompass a concern for mental, emotional and physical well-being.