

# Student Involvement & Leadership Fact Sheet

In alliance with the mission and strategic plan of the University of New Orleans and Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, the mission of (SIL) is to foster student success and lifelong learning by providing all students with meaningful opportunities for involvement in campus and community life.

## Leadership Development

SIL coordinates leadership opportunities and trainings for UNO students, especially through the University-sanctioned, student led Leadership Cabinet. The Cabinet is a university tradition that was initiated 30 years ago within the Division of Student Affairs through Student Government.

- **Leadership Cabinet programs include:** Leadership Summit, Emerging Leaders certificate program, Extreme Leadership Day, Leadership Retreat<sup>1</sup>, Leadership Awards Ceremony<sup>1</sup>.
- **Leadership Retreats include:** Leadership Retreat<sup>1</sup>, Privateer Camp<sup>1,2</sup>, Transfer Retreat for Leadership<sup>2</sup>
- **Presentations and trainings provided by professional staff include, but are not limited to:** StrengthsQuest Training, Leading with Strengths, Motivation and Goal Setting, Public Speaking, Group Dynamics, Emotional Intelligence, Social Intelligence, Running Effective Meetings, RSO Orientation, RSO Advisor Orientation, Risk Management, etc.
- **Highlights:** 2013 Leadership Retreat<sup>1</sup> was the largest (89 attendees); 100% of attendees would recommend any of the three leadership retreats to other students; 95% of would attend the Leadership Retreat<sup>1</sup> again, 96% - Privateer Camp<sup>1,2</sup>, 100% - TRL<sup>2</sup>.

## Student Organizations

In addition to many University-sanctioned student organizations, SIL oversees registered student organizations (RSO's) by verifying eligibility status, providing training to advisors and students, and ensuring that organizations abide by University policy. The office conducts all event approval processes and organization-related paperwork (e.g., advertising, equipment, etc). SIL also maintains the Student Organization Handbook and takes action on complaints against RSO's in coordination with the Office of Accountability and Advocacy.

- **Resources provided to RSO's include, but are not limited to:** sound system equipment, large poster printing, banner paper, paint, chalk, SOAR computers, signage, PIN Network, facilities requests and fees (tables, chairs, trash cans, generators), non-profit organization lists, board and yard games, etc.
- **Highlights:** From Fall 2012 to Fall 2013, student organization events on campus increased by 20% (excluding bake sales); from Fall 2012 to Fall 2013, SIL has seen a 26.25% increase in the number of on campus student organizations.

## Greek Life

SIL oversees Greek Organizations on campus, including three governing bodies: Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC), and National Panhellenic Council (NPHC). UNO recognizes 11 Greek organizations, each of which is a campus chapter of a national group.

- **Programs hosted for Greek Life:** Late Night with the Greeks, Greek Leadership Retreat, Greek Presidents' Meetings, Greek Week, recruitment, etc.
- **Highlights:** Since 2011, Greek Life overall has grown by 36.26% (a 23% increase in sororities, 35.5% increase in fraternities).

## Campus Activities

SIL promotes campus engagement and time spent on campus through programs and events hosted by the University-sanctioned, student-led Student Activities Council (SAC). These students are dedicated to hosting events on UNO's campus that build campus community and provide educational experiences outside of the classroom. SAC receives its own budget through the 87 Referendum funds, supplemented by SIL funds.

- **Campus traditions hosted by SAC include, but are not limited to:** Homecoming, SUCbAUF Annual Crawfish Boil, Holi Festival of Colors, Party in a Bubble, Welcome Back Luau, Drive-In Movie, etc.
- **Highlights:** In 2013-14, SAC inducted 43 new members, more than any year since 1992; all "traditional" SAC events had attendance of 250 students or more; regional recognition for excellence in marketing.

## Student Governance

SIL supports the right to student governance by overseeing and providing advising to the Student Government and its three branches. SG receives its own budget through the 87 Referendum funds.

- **Services provided by SG include, but are not limited to:** travel abroad scholarships, student academic travel scholarships, the DVD library in the Earl K. Long Library, hand sanitizer dispensers, pencils, scantrons, legal services, and on-campus recycling.
- **Highlights:** During the Fall 2013 semester, SG passed 14 bills (totaling \$25,845.21) benefiting 12 various social, scholastic, and cultural organizations. \$25,845.21. This money will translate into over 450 service hours.

## Service Initiatives

SIL is committed to instilling in students the importance of civic engagement by providing a list of non-profit organizations, volunteer opportunities, and through service opportunities coordinated by the University-sanctioned, student-led Service Coalition.

- **Service opportunities hosted by Service Coalition include, but are not limited to:** monthly service days<sup>1</sup>, alternative breaks<sup>1</sup>, campus recycling program<sup>1</sup>, Campus Beautification Day<sup>1</sup>, etc.
- **Highlight:** In 2013, SIL and Service Coalition volunteered with over 20 nonprofits in the city and volunteered 456.25 hours.

<sup>1</sup> Made possible in part due to SG sponsorship.

<sup>2</sup> Collaborative effort with the Office of Enrollment Services.