SECTION 6: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

6-2 ESTABLISHED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT UND

The wide variety of Established Student Organizations which offer opportunities for involvement at UND include the following types.

A. **Recognized student organizations** are those student groups that have received constitutional approval from Student Policy Committee and have open membership, in keeping with the UND Equal Opportunity Policy. (See Section 1-1.) These groups include national honorary organizations, fraternities and sororities, and all other affiliated and non-affiliated organizations not mentioned below. Throughout this document, “fraternities” and “sororities” refer to chapters of national Greek organizations which have received approval for inclusion in the fraternal system at UND from the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council at UND. (Federal law through Title IX permits fraternities and sororities to remain as single sex organizations provided there is equal opportunity to join similar organizations.)

Governing Councils are those student groups that have received constitutional approval from Student Policy Committee and whose membership is made up of representatives of defined constituencies. Examples are Nursing Student Council, Medical School Student Council, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and Student Aviation Advisory Council.

B. **UND Student Government** is the representational body of the entire student population.

1. The structure and operation of Student Government shall be established in a written constitution which has been approved by vote of the general student body and by the President of the University. Student Government does not fall into the category of a Recognized student organization as defined in this document.

2. Student Government is held to the same procedural and operational standards as are other units of the University. Student Government has a responsibility to allocate student activity fees in a fair and impartial manner in such a way that the welfare and interests of all students are considered. Allocation of funds may not be used as a device of censorship or to suppress viewpoints or ideas that are unpopular with students, faculty, administration, or the general public.

3. The Memorial Union Director serves as the Advisor to Student Government and is the supervisor for human resources and employment actions relating to all students appointed to and/or hired to fill paid positions within student government.

C. **The Association of Residence Halls** (ARH) is the representational body for all students living in UND Residence Halls. Residents of each hall are represented directly by their Hall Government, which elects representatives to serve on the eight ARH boards: Policy; ARH Integrated Media (AIM); Budget; Conduct; Food and Facilities; Programming; Recycling; and Wellness. The ARH Policy Board, on which each Hall Government president serves, is ARH’s overall governing council and makes recommendations on residence hall policies, approves Hall Government and ARH Board constitutions, and represents the interests of students living in UND Residence Halls. The Association of Residence Halls does not fall into the category of a Recognized student organization as defined in this document.