

1. Departmental Student Organization (DSO) Status versus Independent Student Organization (ISO) Status

DSO – Departmental Student Organization

- A DSO is a registered organization sponsored by a department with a purpose critical to the university's mission. The sponsoring department oversees day-to-day operations and activities planned by the organization, and designates an employee to support the organization.
- DSOs must have an adviser who is an employee of the sponsoring university department.
- Funds from the SGA to a DSO must be transferred to a university account where the money will be distributed in accordance with university, department and SGA policies, as well as the legislation distributing those funds. DSO funds are maintained by the sponsoring department.

ISO – Independent Student Organization

- An ISO is a registered organization not operated by or affiliated with the university. University employees are not permitted to act as advisers to ISOs within the context of their university employment.
- ISOs are not required to have an adviser. If they do, advisers are independent of the university. An adviser of an ISO who is otherwise employed by the university may only serve the ISO outside of the context of his or her university work. Advisers for ISOs will sign a separate written agreement acknowledging ISO requirements and that the adviser role is not part of university employment.
- ISO funds from the SGA will be in the form of an award presented to the organization. The ISO is solely responsible for use of the funds in accordance with the terms of the award. ISOs will be required to sign an award agreement prior to receiving any funds.