



ORLANDO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Policy & Procedure Statement:

An essential part of student life at OCOM is student organizations. Medical student organizations serve a vital role in the life of medical students. Student organizations allow for local and national-level participation within the medical community.

Students can be actively involved in at least one organization, and some can be members of several. OCOM students may serve as officers or committee members at the state, regional, or national level. The goals of student organizations are related to the Mission of OCOM and the osteopathic profession.

Approved Student Organization Status

The rights and privileges of OCOM Organizations are only granted to those approved by Orlando College of Student Organizations. The Office of Student Affairs governs student organizations, places organizations as Inactive, and denies organization requests. In order to be approved by the Office of Student Affairs, an organization must support the mission of OCOM, have an approved advisor, and comply with the general requirements for student organizations. Approval is granted based on reviewing the information presented, considering the organization's overall mission and alignment with the OCOM mission statement. Students must select an advisor before approval and



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formation of a new medical student organization. Advisors are faculty or staff members who may serve as advisors for a maximum of two student organizations.

SOMA Membership

All students enrolled in OCOM become student members of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) student section. Students may also fully participate on the local level through the College's SOMA chapter, which is available on campus, as well as get involved nationally.

Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

The College enrolls all OCOM students for student membership in the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA). Students will be provided by OCOM with login information to independently enroll on the FOMA website. Students are encouraged to join other state osteopathic medical associations for professional development. Information is available through the Office of Student Affairs.

The OCOM Student Organization Handbook can be found at ocom.org under Student Organizations.

OCOM Student Organizations Policy can be found at ocom.org/policies.