



Becoming a Member of the WSC-SD

Section 1: Applying for Partnership Status

1. Any interested student community can complete and submit an application for partnership status at any time. The application is to be completed and submitted to the Executive Board for review (see attached *partner application*).
2. The application must be accompanied by a charter for the student community. The charter should be consistent with the charter of the WSC-SD.
3. The Executive Board is responsible for reviewing the application to ensure that the document is factually accurate, and that the charter is consistent with the Mission, Purpose, and Principles described in the WSC-SD charter.
4. The granting of partnership status to a student community must be approved by a two thirds vote of the Executive Board and voting will take place within 20 days of receiving the completed application.

Section 2: Probationary Period: “Partner” Student Community

A student community (SC) will have the following responsibilities and obligations over the span of one year after receiving the status of partner:

1. Appointment of ‘liaison’
 - a. The ‘partner’ Student Community must appoint at least one ‘liaison’, preferably two, to the Executive Board. The liaison(s) should have exceptional knowledge of the Student Community’s activities, such that they can report to Executive Board with relevant updates.
 - b. The liaison assumes the equivalent responsibilities of a councilor. That is, they must participate in all activities related to the Executive Board (i.e. online chats, forum postings, submission of monthly newsletter update etc.).



- c. Although the input of the Student Community via the designated liaison is encouraged, the Student Community will have no voting rights during the probationary period.
2. Six-month update
 - a. Six months after receiving 'partner' status, the Student Community must submit a report to the Membership Committee (refer to *6-month update form*). At the very least, the report should include:
 - i. Recent activities
 - ii. Contributions to the monthly Newsletter
 - iii. Comprehensive breakdown of active membership in the Student community (number of members, disciplines, etc.)
 - b. The six-month update will be reviewed by the Executive Board within ten days. The Executive Board is responsible for delivering suggestions and comments related to the update to the partner Student Community within 10 days time.
 - c. The six-month update will be used as part of the final membership review process.

Section 3: Final Membership Application

1. One full year after being awarded partner status, the Student Community is responsible for submitting a membership application (refer to *membership application*), including a one-year update form.
2. The Membership Committee is responsible for reviewing the membership application. The final application packet will include the following:
 - a. partner application
 - b. charter of the SC
 - c. 6-month update form
 - d. 1-year update form



- e. membership application
 - *any other information that may be relevant to the final membership application package should also be included
- 3. The Executive board will review the completed application at one of four quarterly review sessions (ie, the closest quarterly review after the probationary period has been completed).
- 4. The Executive Board has 14 days to review the membership application package and will issue one of the following votes:
 - a. Grant full membership to Student Community
 - b. Deny membership to Student Community
 - c. Extend probationary period for an additional 6 months. Relevant comments, suggestions, and observation should accompany votes during this process.
- 5. In order to achieve membership status, two thirds of the Executive Board must vote **(a) Grant full membership to the Student Community.**
- 6. A vote to deny membership should include a reasonable discussion including specific reasons for the vote, and enumerate shortcomings in the membership application package.
- 7. Because a vote to extend the probationary period of a student community is clearly unique to each application, the method and process involved in the decision will be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

It should be noted that the text above is meant to provide guidelines for membership, and is no way meant to be a strict set of inflexible rules.