Hello! You’re receiving this message as either the primary or secondary contact of a W&M Recognized Student Organization. SLD has missed you on campus and are looking forward to the start of the fall semester and your return! I’m emailing today to share the Guidelines for Student Organizations during COVID-19 pandemic that were created by a team of students and professionals from across campus. It’s a long one…but there is lots to share.

We ask RSO’s to embrace these guidelines out of respect and care for one another in order to safeguard the health of our community. This will require flexibility, innovation and a willingness to engage whole-heartedly but differently in the W&M community under pandemic conditions. AND...there has never been a more important time for the relationships, connections, and engagement that your organization fosters.

Some specific information and action items as you prepare for your organization’s return under pandemic conditions:

- SLD talks about choosing Depth over Breadth a lot. This is a concept we want you to take to heart for the fall (for yourself AND your organization). You simply won’t be able to replicate your “normal” activities and initiatives in our abridged fall semester. It will take effective planning on the part of the leadership to identify the priorities for your group.

- Each organization is asked to create a Student Organization COVID-19 Response Plan. Affirmation of plan completion (and sharing major priorities) will be submitted to this TribeLink form by Monday, August 31st.

- There are significant modifications to the way in which your organization will gather (for meetings, events, and activities). In-person gatherings will be more limited and will require a specific health and safety plan for the in-person activity/event. Details are in the Guidelines.

- RSOs will be responsible for tracking attendance at all in-person Events and Activities (TribeLink and Mobile Check In (click for a how to guide!) are the recommended tools). Tracking through TribeLink will be required for space reserved through SUE Events. If you’re less familiar with this tool, SLD is offering a TribeLink Training on August 5th at 2pm. You can RSVP here to attend.

- Speaking of Events...Information about scheduling Events and Activities through Student Unions and Engagement for the fall semester will come directly from SUE Events in the coming weeks.

We know you’ll have questions - so I’ll be hosting three zoom Q&A sessions in the next week in order to support. You can also schedule an individual meeting with myself or any other staff member in SLD.

Student Organization COVID-19 Zoom Q&A’s with SLD:

- **Friday, July 24th** from 4pm-5pm
- **Tuesday, July 28th** from 12pm-1pm
- **Tuesday, July 28th** from 5pm-6pm
Schedule an individual meeting

Involvement in our 450+ Recognized Student Organizations is at the heart of the W&M experience. It’s going to look different but SLD is committed to supporting you as we navigate the upcoming semester. Thank you in advance for all you do to support W&M, your fellow students, and your student organization.

With Appreciation,

Anne Arseneau
Director, Student Leadership Development

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