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Mission Statement

The mission of the Division of Student Services is to enhance each student's personal growth, decision-making abilities, and career development within a collegial environment.

To better communicate this mission to students and to communicate the appropriate framework of rules, regulations, and policies, the Division is responsible for the annual development and implementation of the Student Handbook. To fulfill its mission, the Division provides:

1. A Student Services Office which creates programs to fulfill the Division's mission; coordinates, supervises, and evaluates programs; directs communication from the general college community to individual programs; and plans future programs to meet student developmental goals.
2. A health program which emphasizes preventative care and wellness activities through health education services and utilizes resources available on campus and in the community to assist in meeting the individual health needs of each student.
3. A residence hall program which facilitates the student's growth toward independence within the institution's general framework and offers academic, personal, and social support from trained paraprofessional and undergraduate staff.
4. A student activities program which encourages the student's involvement in cultural, intellectual, recreational, and social activities.
5. A student government and a student judicial program which facilitates the development of student decision making and self-responsibility.

To determine the level of success reached in meeting this mission, the Division of Student Services maintains a comprehensive assessment program. Through a variety of processes and procedures, the "value added" to the student is assessed, the analysis of which becomes the improvement agenda for its various departments, programs, and the Division policy recommending body, the Student Development Committee.

Accessibility

There is assistance available for qualified students with documented disabilities through the Office of Accessibility. To access services including reasonable accommodations, the student must contact the Office of Accessibility. The Office of Accessibility phone is (740) 245-7339 and is located in Rhodes Hall, Room 116.

Campus Government

The Student Senate is the primary student governing body. The president, vice-president, and senators are elected by the student body. The Senate makes recommendations regarding student needs on campus and participates in campus government through participation on committees.

Student Judiciary

The Student Judiciary is a formal hearing body elected by the students and consists of one chief justice, four associate justices, and two alternate justices. The Judiciary hears appeals resulting from a disciplinary sanction imposed from a violation of the Community Code, as set forth in the Student Handbook.

Student Programming Board

The Student Programming Board is elected by the Student Body. The Student Programming Calendar is planned as a complement to the classroom educational experience and the goal is to encourage the University and the Community College students to participate in and benefit from social, recreational, and intellectual activities. The primary purposes of the Student Programming Board are to: (1) organize May Day, Homecoming, and Family Weekend; (2) present programs for special interest groups; and (3) plan a variety of social activities.

All-Greek Council

The All-Greek Council is a co-educational coordinating and governing body composed of representatives from each of the fraternities and sororities.

Counseling

Counseling is an interpersonal helping procedure, which begins with client exploration. A counselor is available on a contract basis to help all students with personal adjustment issues. Students with personal or emotional issues (family conflicts, relationship issues, stress management, etc.) are urged to contact the Health Services Office for an appointment. All individual and group sessions are confidential, and the primary goal is to provide a safe environment for clients to explore any self-defeating patterns of thinking, feeling, and doing.

The Counseling Center is located in the James A. Rhodes Student Center Department of Health Services.

Crossroads

Students receiving supportive services from the Crossroads Program must be determined eligible and referred to the campus program by the Meigs County Department of Jobs and Family Services. All participants in the Crossroads Program must be Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Ohio Works First (OWF) recipients.

Supportive services may include, but are not limited to, assistance in career and goal setting, self-esteem, and motivational workshops. Short-term and customized employer-requested training is also available. Other services include, but are not limited to, pre/post employment, Job Readiness Skills Training, and short-term training for local or regional demand occupations.

Funding for the Crossroads Program is provided by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services through a contract with the Meigs County office.

Health Services

The Office of Health Services, located in the James A. Rhodes Student Center, is directed by a registered nurse. Health Services is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each weekday for limited treatment of illnesses and injuries. Students requiring more extensive medical care are referred to specialists at area medical facilities. Students and their families are responsible for the cost of special or extensive medical care. Health Services requires that each student complete a confidential medical history form. Other requirements may include proof of updated immunizations and childhood diseases, as well as a current Tuberculin skin test. Some majors, international students, and those participating in intercollegiate athletics, may be subject to additional medical requirements.

Insurance

Personal health insurance for health or medical problems, non sports related injuries, dental visits, and eye exams is the responsibility of the student. Insurance policy information is available through Health Services. International students must purchase health insurance through the University.

New Student Advising Office, Testing & Career Services

The New Student Advising Office, Testing & Career Services is located in the James A. Rhodes Center and serves as the central advising and scheduling office to freshmen and transfer students who have not yet declared an academic major. A primary goal of the office is to assist students with the declaration of a major, with an emphasis on major declaration by the end of the student's second semester of enrollment.

The office also serves as a resource for those seeking information and assistance in choosing a career or change in careers. Opportunities for full and part-time employment and internships are available.

Workshops and seminars are held on job preparation, career development, résumé writing, interviewing, and other areas according to the needs of the students. A Career Library is maintained to assist in career choices. Graduate information can be found in the Career Library.

Those students who plan to use the career placement services should register with the office well in advance of their plans to use them.

Various assessments are conducted through this office, which is a test site for the following:

- ACT (American College Testing)
- COMPASS Testing (for course placement)
- PRAXIS (for teacher licensure)
- CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

Other test publications are available upon request.

Motor Vehicles

Students may operate and park a motor vehicle on parking lots provided the vehicle complies with insurance and license requirements in the registering state; the vehicle is registered through the University and displays the appropriate parking permit; and the owner and/or operator observe(s) all published University motor vehicle regulations provided by the Campus Police Department.

Campus Police

The University of Rio Grande Campus Police is organized under Chapter 1713.50 of the Ohio Revised Code. Officer(s) are on duty 24 hours a day seven days per week. Campus officers are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, are armed, and have the same powers of arrest as a deputy sheriff. Campus Police jurisdiction includes all University grounds and buildings including all streets, roads and highways that border campus property. Other local law enforcement agencies that also have full or partial law enforcement jurisdiction on the University of Rio Grande include the Rio Grande Village Police, Gallia County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The University of Rio Grande Campus Police is compliant in the federal right to know requirements contained in the Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Jeanne Clery Act of 1998. For additional information about Campus Police log onto the University's main web site at www.rio.edu and click on the Campus Police tab.

It remains the goal of the Campus Police Department to provide a safe and secure environment that fosters the student learning process and enhances quality of life for all who attend the University of Rio Grande.

For all on campus emergencies including fire, emergency medical, and police dial 911. To contact campus police for non-emergencies call (740) 245-7286.

RioNET

The University and Community College provides every student access to computers, the campus network and the Internet throughout campus via both wired and wireless connections. RioNET user accounts are created immediately after admission, and enrollment into courses. Use of campus technology is governed by an institutional Acceptable Use Policy. RioNET user accounts require activation by changing default passwords into private secure passwords. Passwords may be changed from any RioNET connected computer or online. RioNET user accounts provide access to student e-mail and several instructional technology services. Specific information on RioNET services are provided at New Student Orientation, Student Success Course training sessions and through online documentation. Printed information is distributed to campus offices including Accounting, Records, Jenkins Center, Campus Police and the Campus Computing & Networking Office in Moulton Hall.

Student|Space

Student|Space is the facility used to register for classes, find your grades, obtain your bill, and accept financial aid. Student|Space can be found online at <https://hope.rio.edu/studentspace/signup.aspx> or by going to www.rio.edu and using the quick links to select Student|Space. You can log into Student|Space using your Student ID. Your password will be the last 4 digits of your social security number. Every semester, professors post mid-term grades in Student|Space, so you can know your standing.

Veterans

Veterans/Reservists enrolling at University of Rio Grande / Rio Grande Community College and planning to apply for Veterans

Administration educational benefits must submit a copy of their DD214 Form, Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty, or DD2384, Notice of Basic Eligibility, and any kicker contracts to the Financial Aid Office. All veterans/reservists are required to complete the necessary Veterans Administration forms to obtain educational benefits and must complete an Intent of Enrollment at the beginning of each semester. Veterans must be enrolled in a degree program in order to receive benefits. Students who have a parent or spouse who is 100% disabled, deceased, or a P.O.W. from a service-connected incident may also be eligible for educational benefits.

To check eligibility and obtain related information, students may contact the Veterans Affairs Regional Office by calling the toll-free number (1-888-442-4551) or search the GI Bill web site, www.gibill.va.gov.

Organizations

Accounting Association is designed to promote the profession of accounting and to increase the professional competency of the members through group participation in the association's activities.

Alpha Lambda Delta is a National Honor Society designed to encourage superior scholastic achievement among students in their first year at the University or Community College and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry is a Christian student organization sponsored by Ohio Baptist Collegiate ministry. Its purpose is to encourage the spiritual growth and development of students of URG. Activities include Cross-seeker groups for prayer or Bible study; Oasis, is a weekly praise celebration; retreats; fellowships; mission trips; and state and national conferences.

Chaplaincy is a volunteer program that seeks to provide an interdenominational outreach to the students and staff at the University and Community College. The Chaplaincy is composed of Pastors from churches located in the surrounding area. The Chaplaincy sponsors several events including panel discussions featuring topics of current interest. For additional information, contact (740) 245-7339.

Circle K International is the college level of the Kiwanis Family with three tenets in mind: Service, Leadership and Fellowship.

The *Council for Exceptional Children* was established to improve educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities.

Future Educators Organization is open to all students at the University of Rio Grande who have completed one (1) professional education course. The organization is designed to provide educational supplements for the education major, identify needs for educational licensure, further the concept of excellence in education, and promote a professional attitude among education majors.

Habitat for Humanity (University Chapter) works in partnership with God and people everywhere to develop communities with God's people in need by building and renovating houses, providing decent housing in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.

Honors Program is an organization whose purpose is to develop the academic and social potential of its members.

Marketing Club is a student chapter of the American Marketing Association. Designed to organize and keep its members in contact with recent developments and marketing professionals. The chapter assists its members in the preparation of résumés and job searches. Members are involved in attending conferences and actively compete at the national level.

Math/Science Club promotes interest in Mathematics and Natural Science and to provide educational and social opportunities in these fields.

Medical Science Club is open to all students interested in a professional career in medical science. Students in this club have the opportunity to work with professionals in their chosen field while undergraduates.

Ohio Collegiate Music Educators Association (OCMEA) is a professional organization for college students who aspire to be music teachers. Affiliated with OMEA and MENC, it supports members by providing resources needed to meet the challenges they will face each year as they teach in public, private, and parochial schools worldwide.

Phi Alpha Theta is an honorary chapter designed to further the interest and development of history as a scholarly discipline at the University or Community College and in the local community.

Phi Theta Kappa is designed to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Students must have a 3.5 GPA in a minimum of 12 hours of community college level work and maintain a 3.25 for continued membership.

Rio Grande Drama Club is an organization designed to bring students together and perform theatrical productions at the University of Rio Grande. All students will be allowed to join this organization. Not only will this group be open to the students but to community members and high school students from the surrounding high schools.

Sigma Tau Delta (Alpha Lambda) is the international English Honor Society chapter whose purpose is to confer distinction for high achievement in the English language and literature and to promote interest on campus and in the surrounding communities in the discipline of English in all its aspects, including creative and critical writing.

Signals, the student newspaper, is published bi-weekly during the academic year. Students serve as writers, editors, photographers, and in all staff positions on the publication.

Social Fraternities and Sororities – Greek life offers the individual a unique opportunity for personal and interpersonal growth. The Greek system encourages scholastic achievement, good citizenship from its members, and provides opportunities for social growth and leadership in various campus organizations, as well as sponsors many campus, community, and philanthropic service projects. The opportunity to develop lifelong friendships is an added benefit to the Greek members.

The Rio Grande Greek system's fraternity and sorority chapters are governed by the All Greek Council, an organization composed of representatives from each fraternity and sorority. There are nine social fraternities and sororities on campus. Membership is by invitation with each group sponsoring parties during a formal rush period to help

acquaint students with the groups. Each group promotes scholarship, social activities, personal development, and service. The organizations are: Alpha Mu Beta, Delta Theta, Chi Omega Alpha, Lambda Omicron Psi, Alpha Chi Nu (Archon), Alpha Sigma Phi, Pi Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Zeta Theta Chi. Rules concerning pledging can be obtained from the AGC Advisor.

Social Work Student Council provides support and professional association for all Social Work majors and for all students.

Association of Student Nurses was designed to assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality health care.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international organization open to all students, regardless of major. SIFE team members teach students (K-12) in area schools, students on campus, and area adults how free market economics positively affect individuals and businesses. The SIFE team competes annually in regional competition, giving a presentation of the projects they completed that year. If successful, they move to national competition. SIFE is beneficial in helping students find employment with some of the nation's leading corporations. The experience gained from SIFE is not available in classrooms. E-mail csmith@rio.edu to join today!

SURGE (Society URG Economics) is open to all students expressing an interest in economics or business at the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College.

Other Activities:

Athletics

Men's intercollegiate competition is available in basketball, baseball, cross-country, track, and soccer. Women's intercollegiate competition is available in basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, track, and volleyball. Member: National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (men and women), and Mid-South Conference (men and women).

Intramurals

Intramural programs, such as touch football, basketball, volleyball, sand volleyball, softball, racquetball, paintball, and a variety of board and Internet competitions, are organized for student participation. Flexibility is incorporated into the program, permitting participation of students with interests extending beyond the normal range of athletic offerings.

Fine and Performing Arts

Masterworks Chorale brings together interested students and community singers from a five-county surrounding area. This chorus of 60-80 persons is open to anyone with a desire to sing, no audition required, for credit or non-credit. At least two concerts of exemplary choral music are performed each year, often with orchestral accompaniment. Sometimes additional performances are scheduled in nearby cities.

The *Grande Chorale* is a 12-16 voice vocal jazz/chamber choir with instrumental accompaniment. All interested students are encouraged to audition the first week of classes in the fall semester. Grande Chorale sings at many university events and for civic and social organizations, schools, senior citizen centers, and churches. They also tour extensively throughout Ohio, the tri-state area, and the entire east coast from New Jersey to Florida. Grande Chorale has performed on a Caribbean cruise ship to Cozumel, Mexico. It has also performed in England, Scotland, Wales, and in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

Symphonic Band also brings together students and instrumentalists from the community. It performs at several regular concerts each year, in addition to special university and community events. Membership is open to all, without an audition.

Pep Band performs at athletic events and other special occasions. Membership is open to all interested students, and no audition is necessary.

Jazz Ensemble is an instrumental group, which performs all kinds of jazz music and emphasizes improvisation. The pieces are often original compositions by members of the group. The Ensemble performs regularly on- and off-campus. An audition is required.

In addition, various faiths are encouraged to form religious groups

