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Lauren Houck
Campus Reform Correspondent

Dear Lauren:

As you know, Moriah DeMartino inquired about the possibility of establishing a TurningPoint USA club on the campus of Hagerstown Community College. Upon review of her inquiry, I determined that this request does not meet the necessary requirements to allow my approval for the club's formation. The reason for my decision is based on several things, including the first statement listed under "Starting a Club" on page two of HCC's Club Guide. It states the following:

The first step to create a new club on campus is to research existing clubs to be sure the mission and purpose are not duplicated.

HCC continues to have an active Political Science Club, under the advisement of Dr. Eric Schwartz, instructor of political science at HCC. The purpose of the club is to further educate and expose its members to the principles of political science in a true objective manner with respect to all student rights.

The objectives of the Political Science Club are quite broad and include non-partisan, but inclusive, political engagement, political learning, and political instruction. Student learning outcomes have been established to engage students in a collaborative learning environment to develop and deepen their knowledge of political structures. Furthermore, they will develop a normative appreciation of elements that characterize politics in the United States, elements such as democracy, freedom of speech, human rights, market distribution of goods and services, provision of public goods, collective action dilemmas, and free rider problems.

After further review of the mission, purpose, and activities of the Political Science Club, I have determined that both Republicans and Democrats, as well as any other political parties, are able to be fairly represented as members of the currently existing club, without the creation of any additional clubs. This decision is further supported by board-approved policies that guide student services and student life on campus. As such, I encourage Moriah to seek active participation in HCC's Political Science Club.

Sincerely,

Jessica Chambers, Ed.D.
Dean of Student Affairs

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