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Good afternoon Executive Board of College Independents,

Thank you for reaching out. While the questions outlined in your letter do not directly relate to the Policies & Rules for Student Organizations document, I am happy to provide clarification.

Any recognized student organization at Penn State is able to make its own membership decisions. While not required by the University, recognized student organizations are strongly encouraged to follow the process(es) outlined in their constitution, bylaws, and/or guiding documents. The Student Leadership & Involvement office is available to provide guidance when student organizations are creating, updating, or applying the procedures in these documents.

Regarding former or non-members coming to your events or meetings, if there is a noted disruption, leadership is encouraged to ask the student(s) to leave, change the venue of future meetings, or may call university police for further assistance. Student leaders are also encouraged to report potential violations of the Student Code of Conduct to the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Response and/or the Office of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response, as appropriate.

If you would like further clarification of any Policies and Rules for Student Organizations, please let me know when you would be able to meet.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Zapletal
Interim Director