

TCNJ GOVERNANCE MEMORANDUM

To: Steering Committee
From: CSCC
Date: April 1, 2024
Re: Final Recommendation for the Interim Flag Policy

Document Links

- [Interim Flag - Original Policy](#)
- [Interim Flag Policy - Final Clean - Spring 2024](#)
- [Interim Flag Policy - Redlined - Spring 2024](#)

Charge

Steering asks CSCC to review the new interim flag policy. CSCC should ensure that the policy language is clear and equitable and to make any other changes that CSCC deems appropriate. If CSCC finds that no significant changes to the policy are required and makes changes solely to bring the policies in line with current practice and to clarify language, no additional testimony is required.

Testimony Tier

- Tier 1

Process

Preliminary testimony was requested from the Office of General Counsel, the VP for Operations, and the Dean of Students.

The final recommendation was developed with feedback from key stakeholders including:

- CSCC (14 members), including Jordan Draper, Dean of Students
- Dave Conner, Director of Student Life
- Sharon Blanton, VP for Operations

Recommendation Summary

- CSCC Recommendation
 - CSCC recommends that the policy be approved with the noted changes.
- Summary of Changes
 - The eligibility requirements were altered to indicate that at least one of the requirements must be met in order to be eligible to request a flag to be flown.

- Language was updated to change “An organization recognized by Student Government and eligible for funding by the Student Finance Board” to “A Recognized Student Organization (RSO) with active status from the Office of Student Life” as the updated language would include all Student Government recognized groups as well as fraternity & sorority life groups that TCNJ recognizes.
 - The last eligibility bullet was changed to body text, as it is not an eligibility requirement.
 - Language was added to clarify current practice regarding where requested state and country flags can be flown and clarify how many requested flags can be accommodated on a given day.
- Additional Considerations:
- CSCC recommends the use of a google form for flag flying requests. A form could be routed to the VP of Operations who approves/disapproves the requests and Campus Police who coordinates the raising and lowering. CSCC felt that a form would help students make sure they are in compliance with the policy while also making the request-making less intimidating, especially for student groups who do not have experience coordinating with Operations and Campus Police. A [draft form](#) was created for your consideration.