

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Leadership Development*

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION

Name of Proposed Organization: TRUTH (Trust, Respect, Unity at The Hall)

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The first step in the Recognition Process is to obtain Provisional Recognition from the Student Organization Advisory Council. An organization must submit the following to the committee:

CHECKLIST

1.  A 500 word statement or less that describes your proposed organization and how it will benefit the Seton Hall Community; explaining specifically its goals and mission as it relates to the university's catholic mission.
2.  In order to establish a fraternity or sorority, your application will be reviewed by the Greek Life Office, the Interfraternity Council or the College Panhellenic Council and the Student Organization Advisory Council (SOAC). Additional requirements must be met for fraternities and sororities to gain provisional recognition.
3.  The names of three or more potential members.
4.  Organizations must adhere to Seton Hall's Catholic mission and to conduct themselves in accordance with the University Community Standards of Student Conduct (please refer to the online Student Handbook 2003-2004)
5.  A list of proposed activities that your organization activities you plan to initiate during your provisional period.
6.  A list of programs you plan to sponsor once permanent recognition is granted.
7.  A letter from a full-time faculty member, administrator or professional staff member who will serve as the advisor to your organization.

Please attach the above documents to this application and return the completed packet to the Office of Community Development, University Center, Room 107. Please retain a copy for your files. A member of the SOAC committee will contact you to arrange an appointment.

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For Office Use Only:  
Date Received:

The name of our proposed organization is **TRUTH** (Trust, Respect, and Unity at The Hall).

The purposes of this organization, **TRUTH**, shall be to oppose discrimination against students, faculty, and staff on the basis of sexual orientation. We would seek to provide a forum for discourse, education, discussion, and the exchange of views. Also, this organization would serve as a support group for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual students of Seton Hall University, rooting that support in programs which would educate the campus community about the injustice of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

We would like to engage in a continuing and regular dialogue with the administration of Seton Hall University on issues that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual members of the Seton Hall community.

Our organization will not represent its views as those of the University, nor will it permit any ambiguous use of the University's name to imply that the University approves of homosexual lifestyles, of homosexual activity, or of homosexual behavior as morally neutral.

We strive to offer educational programming that would assist lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual students in living a comfortable student life here at Seton Hall University.

**TRUTH** would benefit the Seton Hall Community in many ways, through its goals as they relate to the University's particular Catholic mission. Our organization would respect the dignity of each person, foster openness to opinions and points of view different from one's own and provide an understanding and respect for persons whose background may be different from one's own. We would also respect persons and groups who are in the search for their own truth, and support affirmations of differences and commonalities of human experience and endeavors.

As an organization, **TRUTH** would hope to provide lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual students with the courage to face conflicts with integrity and maturity, using education as a humanizing force for all members of the community.

Seton Hall University prides itself on acknowledging its obligation to safeguard and enhance the dignity of every member of our University community, and seeks to foster an understanding of cultural differences. It encourages and supports the ethical and moral values that are the basis of a humane social order. Thusly, we look forward to forming a club that would accomplish the multi-faceted mission of students, faculty, administration, and the Catholic heritage to which we all hold steadfast.

November 13, 2003

## **Proposed Activities for Provisional Recognition**

### **A. Community Service**

1. Volunteer at food shelters, soup kitchens
2. Work with DOVE to help less fortunate youth

### **B. Education**

1. Work with NCBI to establish “Safe Zones” programming
2. Co-sponsor public speakers on this issue
3. Create a resource guide of internal/external resources
4. Invite an attorney with expertise in civil rights to outline the laws with respect to these issues
5. Allow students to examine their sexual orientation vis-à-vis the Catholic mission

### **C. Weekly Discussion Group**

1. Allow students the possibility to find support, share ideas, raise questions, and share resources
2. Provide a confidential forum for people to raise issues and concerns

## **Proposed Activities for Permanent Recognition**

### **A. Community Service**

1. Volunteer at food shelters, soup kitchens
2. Work with DOVE to help less fortunate youth

### **B. Education**

1. Work with NCBI to establish "Safe Zones" programming
2. Co-sponsor public speakers on this issue
3. Create a resource guide of internal/external resources
4. Invite an attorney with expertise in civil rights to outline the laws with respect to these issues
5. Allow students to examine their sexual orientation vis-à-vis the Catholic mission
6. Research regional or national conferences that will provide students with tools to integrate a student's sexual orientation with our specific Catholic mission
7. Promote an on-going sense of community and respect for the individuality of the human person between all members of the Seton Hall community

### **C. Weekly Discussion Group**

1. Allow students the possibility to find support, share ideas, raise questions, and share resources
2. Provide a confidential forum for people to raise issues and concerns

**Seton Hall University**  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

November 12, 2003

Dear Members of the Student Organization Advisory Committee:

I write to you on behalf of the proposed student group TRUTH. I am pleased to represent them as their faculty advisor and I look forward to working with them. It is most important that this group of conscious and caring individuals have the appropriate recognition accorded to any other properly constituted student group on this campus.

Please feel free to contact me should you have concerns or questions.

Most respectfully,

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