

## Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]

Mon 2/1/2021 3:49 PM

To: Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]; Michael Fink [REDACTED]

Cc: Wojtak, Krzysztof [REDACTED]; Martino, Richard [REDACTED]

Hello,

Given that Penn Clubs are not meeting in-person due to the coronavirus epidemic for an indefinite duration, would it be possible to activate the club and defer Risk Management until Penn does choose to allow in-person club meetings? Virtual meetings and education should pose zero risk of bodily harm above that of other virtual meetings for other clubs. Furthermore, access to Penn's virtual resources and PennClubs would help us recruit likeminded Penn Students as well as point them towards resources they could use in their private capacity.

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:33 PM

**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]; Michael Fink [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Wojtak, Krzysztof [REDACTED]; Martino, Richard [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Thank you for your clarification that the surfing club is not an officially recognized sports club by the Sports Club Council. As made clear in our application and discussion, we do not seek, and have never sought, to be recognized as an officially recognized sports club by the Sports Club Council. We will not be competing at any level, either\*.

Judging from the [Daily Pennsylvanian's](#) story on the Surf Club, "the club will provide opportunities for members to participate in both **competitive** and **non-competitive surfing**". The Surf Club's official Penn Clubs page directly states that "the mission of this organization is to provide undergraduates the opportunity to surf both **competitively** and for **fun** with other like-minded students". This page was presumably vetted before approval.

As stated, we do not plan to compete. I would appreciate if our student group could be evaluated; any of us will be glad to coordinate with your office to ensure the safety of our members as well as reduce liability to the University to acceptable levels.

Sincerely,

Chris

\*I am unclear how to even begin competing at hunting; that sounds very illegal in quite a few states for quite a few species.

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**From:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:13 PM  
**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]; Michael Fink [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Wojtak, Krzysztof [REDACTED]; Martino, Richard [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello Chris,

There has been no change to what I stated in earlier communication exchanges with you to clarify any misinformation. Due to the severe disruption in university operations caused by the global pandemic, a decision on whether or not your organization can be an active, registered group on campus will have to be delayed until we return to normal in-person operation. The highest priority, in particular, that my colleagues in Public Safety and the Office of Risk Management are (and remain) focused on is the health and safety of our entire community through this crisis.

Regarding your reference to the Penn Surfing Club, the group was approved by my office for registration as an enthusiast organization based on their submitted mission. The group did not require any additional approval levels because they are not an official sports club recognized by the Sports Club Council and will not be competing or participating in any surfing activities as an officially recognized sports club.

Again I do apologize that a decision regarding your group remains unanswered. Once things return to normal, I will work with my colleagues to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,  
Rodney

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:32 AM

**To:** Michael Fink [REDACTED]; Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Wojtak, Krzysztof [REDACTED]; Martino, Richard [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

I'm Chris, the student leader of the Penn hunting/archery/shooting club. We have been attempting to get our club registered by the university; from previous emails and talks with both Public Safety and the Office of Risk Management, it appears that the main roadblock is that the Office of Risk Management needs to review the club guidelines and procedures to make sure the club is comparatively safe. From previous emails, I was under the impression that the ORM would not evaluate new clubs involving some degree of risk until the university was operating normally.

Judging from the creation of the brand-new Penn Surf Club late last fall, it appears that the Office of Risk Management has begun to evaluate the risk of bodily harm and liability once more. Would it be possible to get our club evaluated for registration this spring? If not, is there any way we can facilitate the process?

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Fink, Mike [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hi Chris,

I received your email and remember your request from the spring, pre-COVID-19 before classes were cancelled and students were sent home.

I have reached out to Assoc. VP Ben Evans from Risk Management regarding your request. We will get back to you after we've had an opportunity to discuss your request on more detail.

Thanks,

Mike

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Fink, Mike [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

I'm Chris, the student leader of the Penn hunting/archery/shooting club. I heard from VPUL that our official club registration requires the signoff from the Office of Risk Management as well as consulting from the Public Safety Division. Would it be possible to get the latter taken care of on our end before spring semester begins? It's been over six months since we started the application process; although some of the delays were inevitable, we'd like to get the club registered as soon as possible once/if the university permits it.

I'd be perfectly happy to talk remotely or in-person; other members of the club may also be available depending on scheduling.

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:56 PM  
**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello Chris,

The Office of Risk Management has sole responsibility for evaluating and accessing areas of risk exposure for the entire University. Since the mission of the group will involve the potential use of "dangerous items", the Public Safety Division will also have to be consulted for approval. I am sorry for the frustration with this review process. Unfortunately, the pandemic crisis has significantly disrupted all normal operations of the University.

Sincerely,  
Rodney

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Thanks for the update. Are there any other departments or persons outside of Risk Management who could give feedback into our application? Even informal advice would be appreciated if it would

get any obvious roadblocks out of the way before spring.

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello Chris,

Unfortunately, no decision on the status of the organization will be made until the University returns to normal in-person operations. As announced last week, we will remain completely remote through the Fall semester. The status will have to remain pending.

My apologies for the continued delay in this process.

Best,  
Rodney

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

The Archery, Shooting, and Hunting Club has re-registered on Penn Clubs (as well as the former registration on Penn GO). Will Risk Management make a decision before the SAC Fair?

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Thanks for the update.

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:10 PM

**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello Chris,

The university has not returned to normal operation. The only recent change is that the university has approved the restart of non-essential in lab research.

Best,  
Rodney

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

The university has been operating nonremotely for a week or two; have there been any updates on club registration?

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Thanks for the update!

Chris

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**From:** Robinson, Rodney V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello Chris,

Given the nature of the group's mission and potential group activities, a decision on its existence on campus will have to be put on hold until the university can return to a non-remote operation. Currently, the Office of Risk Management and Public Safety Division, which must provide the necessary approvals, are understandably focused on the immediate and on-going critical needs of the university community during this pandemic.

The few groups that have been recently approved for registration did not require additional layers of approval based on their primary mission.

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience. When I have more definitive information to share with you, I will be in touch.

Rodney

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:27 AM  
**To:** Groups Online At Penn [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

(I do understand that ORM is very busy right now, but we haven't heard anything at all; given other clubs are getting registered, we're unclear whether we're on the backlog or not.)

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:20 AM

**To:** [orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu) <[orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Has any progress been made concerning club registration for the Archery, Shooting and Hunting club? It's been almost two months since we made our initial request, and six other clubs have been registered since then.

Sincerely,

Chris

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**From:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 10:28 AM

**To:** [orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu) <[orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu)>

**Cc:** Wojtak, Krzysztof [REDACTED]; Martino, Richard

**Subject:** Re: Student Group Registration Confirmation

Hello,

Sorry about the delay; we've been trying to figure out how to add people to Penn Go. I believe I've added Krzysztof Wojtak and Richard Martino as VP and Treasurer respectively; the club now has three officers, per regulations.

I just submitted the complete application five minutes for processing; please let me know if it looks complete and what further steps we need to take.

Chris

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**From:** [orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu) <[orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 3:24 PM

**To:** Choe, Dongwook [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Student Group Registration Confirmation

Dear dongwook christian choe,

Your request to register "Archery, Shooting and Hunting at the University of Pennsylvania" has been received. Please allow at least 2 business days for this request to be processed.

You will receive an email notification once the account is activated.

Questions or comments can be directed to [orgs@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orgs@pobox.upenn.edu).

Thank You!

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