

POINTERS FOR CREATING A CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP”

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1. Organize a committee of two or three individuals interested in starting up a campus fellowship to meet and discuss the purpose and vision of the organization.
2. Contact the office of student activities on campus to determine the process for setting up an organization on campus. Follow the necessary steps to create a campus-approved organization.
3. It usually takes a few weeks for an organization to become approved, so in the meantime:
 - a. Begin to spread the word regarding the organization to your friends, both on and off campus.
 - b. In addition to college and graduate students you know, also invite the high school seniors from your church to join since they will be the future of the organization or can start another fellowship if they end up going to a different college. Inviting the high school seniors not only helps the organization, but allows them to create a network of friends/mentors prior to starting college.
 - c. When inviting individuals to join, specifically state what the purpose of the fellowship is and how they can get involved.
4. Once the organization has been approved, arrange for the first meeting.
 - a. Pick a date
 - b. Reserve a room
 - c. Advertise in the campus paper about the meeting.
 - d. Put up flyers all around campus (particularly dorms, religious studies section, cafeterias, bulletin boards)
 - e. Pass out flyers on campus
 - f. Post a flyer at church.

5. Nominate individuals to handle the administrative aspects of the group (i.e. president, treasurer, events coordinator, secretary).
6. Create an email group and/or website and post upcoming events, contacts, prayer request, etc.
7. During orientation week (at the beginning of each semester), set up a table in the breezeway with the rest of the organizations to publicize the organization.
 - a. Hand out pamphlets explaining the organization (make sure the pamphlet includes contact info.)
 - b. Hand out refreshments, small cross, etc to attract people to your table.
8. Once the organization gets on its way, arrange for at least one social and one volunteer outing each month. Arrange for a fundraising activity every few months to help support the organization. Donate any additional money to a charity of the group's choosing.
9. Invite guest speakers at least once a month (i.e. bishops, priest, servant). Do not limit guest speakers to Coptics, include guest speakers from our sister churches, for example.
10. Get involved in campus activities. It is the easiest way to advertise the fellowship and have a prominent role on campus.
11. Remember to pray for the fellowship at every meeting.

The following is a website that you can go to for a complete fellowship starter's kit. It is very helpful and I would recommend using it.

<http://www.ocf.net/media/OCFStarterKit.pdf>