

Heterosexual Society stripped of organizational privileges

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Iowa State will no longer recognize the Heterosexual Society, said the coordinator of campus organizations.

The university stripped the group of its campus organization privileges because a clause in its initial constitution required that members attest to their heterosexuality, said Carol Cordell, the coordinator for the student organizations and activities center said.

A particular clause in the society's initial constitution violated the university's policy on non-discrimination, and gave her no choice but to void the registration of the Heterosexual Society, she said.

"From what Deanne (Backes) said, their membership requirements were not in compliance with university policy on non-discrimination. One of our responsibilities is to assure that university policies are complied with," Cordell said.

When asked whether the rough draft of the constitution contained a clause that required members to attest to their heterosexuality, Backes, Heterosexual Society chairman, responded, "Something to that effect was stated."

A rough draft constitution was passed by the society on Sunday, but the group amended it after finding out it would not pass university qualifications, Backes said.

Although the group is no longer officially recognized, the group hopes to fall back into the graces of the university with a few alterations, Backes said.

She said the society amended its constitution and changed its name to Allied Students Against Perversion.

"The group never ended. It ended as a university-recognized group," Backes said.