

## **Bowdoin College Student Entrepreneur Policy**

Bowdoin College encourages thoughtful and creative enterprise among students. As an educational institution, the College has certain tax exemptions, which can be jeopardized when individuals in the campus community operate a business enterprise or engage in business activities on-campus or on premises owned or operated by the College. For purposes of this policy, “business activity” is defined as any activity carried on by a student that is intended to or does generate revenue or trade, whether or not for profit.

Any student entrepreneur (SE) wishing to run, operate, or conduct business activities on College property must comply with the following policy:

- A student must request permission in writing from the Director of Student Activities & The David Saul Smith Union (Director) prior to conducting any business activities.
- If approved, the student shall be designated as an SE and will be required to sign and comply with an SE Agreement (Agreement).
- Agreements must be requested by the SE and reviewed annually. The fact that an SE received an Agreement a previous year does not guarantee that an SE will receive an Agreement in subsequent years. The Director is responsible for reviewing, administering, and approving all Agreements.
- The Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which the SE may do business on campus. The Agreement is limited to the specific business operation proposed by the SE in their initial request. It must be signed by the SE and returned to the Director before the SE is permitted to conduct business.
- An Agreement for an enterprise involving more than one SE must be signed by all involved SEs.
- Business activities must not jeopardize Bowdoin’s tax-exempt status.
- SEs may not use the Bowdoin College name (or any variations of the name), mark, seal, or insignia.
- An SE must comply with all College policies, including but not limited to the policy regarding Publicity, Outside Organizations, Use of College Property (includes, email, phone, servers, printers, listservs, etc.), Solicitation on Campus Fundraising and Student Group Funding policies.
- SE may not use any Bowdoin social media or LinkedIn Groups to advertise business or reach to alumni, parents, or students.

- The business enterprise may not be a multi-level marketing (MLM) business.

The ability to operate or conduct business on campus is a privilege, not a right. The College, in its sole discretion, may refuse, revoke, or decline to renew an SE Agreement at any time, including, but not limited to failure to comply with the terms of the Agreement or failure to comply with College policy.

A student in violation of the SE Agreement or conducting business on-campus without proper authorization may be referred to the disciplinary process.

This policy does not apply to students who performs work on behalf of the College or a student who engages in remote work for a business owned by a non-Bowdoin student.