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USI 1301–01: Fraternities and Sororities— Relationship with the University

Purpose

To describe the relationship between the member chapters of the ASU social fraternities and sororities and the university

Sources

Office of the Vice President for University Student Initiatives
University policy

Policy

The university recognizes and supports the member chapters of the fraternity/sorority community as an integral part of the ASU educational program and its commitment to student development. Recognition is offered and supported based upon the special and historically significant relationship between Greek-letter social organizations and the university. Fraternity/sorority chapters enhance the quality of student life through cocurricular programs, contributing significantly to the educational, social, and personal growth of their members.

The university recognizes the authority of the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, Inc., the Multicultural Greek Council, the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Panhellenic Council to regulate all matters of fraternity/sorority interest, subject to university policy. When appropriate, the fraternity/sorority councils are encouraged to make recommendations regarding university policy. University recognition requires student organization registration and membership in the appropriate governing/coordinating council.

Fraternities and sororities are expected to recognize and to embrace the educational purposes of the university and the individual educational goals of their members. Chapters are encouraged to assist members in their academic pursuits and to endorse a set of academic standards and expectations. Activities of fraternities and sororities should not interfere with academic responsibilities. Chapters must also acknowledge the university's mission to serve a diverse student population and should function in ways that support this mission.

In addition to supporting the educational goals of their members, fraternities and sororities should promote programs that develop social and leadership skills in both individuals and groups.

The university may withdraw recognition from chapters that are not in good academic, disciplinary, or financial standing or whose officers or members have violated the [Student Code of Conduct](#) or other university policy. Chapters placed on disciplinary probationary status by the university for violation or alleged violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*, the [Student Academic Integrity Policy](#), and/or the ASU Computer, Internet, and Electronic Communications Policy ([ACD 125](#)) may face additional sanctions.

Chapters should be in good standing with their inter-/national headquarters and should not be under investigation for a breach of a lease or contract with the university, housing corporation, or housing management company, or in violation of state or federal laws.

The appropriate campus office may assign fees to incentivize compliance for various administrative tasks.

Membership in the Fraternity/Sorority Community

The fraternity/sorority community at ASU is composed of private, voluntary-association student organizations that are registered as ASU student organizations and may be members of one or more of the following:

1. North-American Interfraternity Conference
2. National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, Inc.
3. National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.
4. National Panhellenic Conference
5. Interfraternity Council
6. Panhellenic Council

and/or

7. Multicultural Greek Council.

Expectations Regarding Fraternity and Sorority Recognition

Because of the special relationship that exists between ASU and its fraternity and sorority community, a summary of expectations of chapters is provided:

1. Each fraternity and sorority must register each academic year as a student organization.
2. Each fraternity and sorority must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in addition to the *Student Code of Conduct* or other rules adopted by the university or Arizona Board of Regents.
3. All organizations must contact the appropriate office in the case of crisis or critical incident.
4. Fraternity and sorority chapter presidents will provide the appropriate campus office with completed chapter information form by September 1 and February 1 each year.

5. Each fraternity and sorority will provide the appropriate campus office with contact information for each of its executive officers by September 1 and February 1 each year or within five working days following chapter elections.
6. Each fraternity and sorority will maintain a complete advisory board consisting of at least three persons. Each fraternity and sorority will provide the appropriate campus office with contact information for each of its advisors and its house corporation president (if applicable) by September 1 and February 1 each year.
7. Fraternity and sorority chapter presidents will provide the appropriate campus office with a new member roster, including ASU student ID numbers, by September 15 and February 15 each year or within five working days of a new member's affiliation with the undergraduate chapter.
8. Each fraternity and sorority will provide the appropriate campus office with a complete chapter roster, including ASU student ID numbers, by September 15 and February 15 each year.
9. Each fraternity and sorority will participate in at least one educational and one risk management program involving at least 80 percent of the chapter membership each semester. Program and participant information must be submitted to the appropriate office by December 1 and May 1 each year.
10. Each fraternity and sorority will participate in philanthropic activities that include service to the university and/or surrounding community. Each chapter member is required to participate in at least three hours of service each semester. Community service verification must be submitted to the appropriate office by December 1 and May 1 each year.
11. Each fraternity and sorority will provide the appropriate campus office with a copy of chapter liability insurance covering all chapter officers, functions, and activities by September 15 and/or upon renewal each year. Each fraternity and sorority shall renew liability insurance prior to the expiration date each year and notify the university immediately of any change in or loss of coverage.
12. Each fraternity and sorority will pay its obligations to the university for any items or services supplied by the university or university entity within 30 days of a statement being rendered.
13. Each fraternity and sorority president will meet with a staff member from the Greek Life office each semester.
14. Each fraternity and sorority will submit a completed copy of the Greek Awards application by the determined deadline each year.

University Support for the Fraternity/Sorority Community

All chapters recognized and in good standing with the university are granted the following university privileges:

1. use of ASU facilities, equipment, and services, subject to university policies and procedures
2. the right to self-governance, through the established policies and procedures of the governing councils and within the parameter of university policies

3. access to information about the academic achievement of chapter members, subject to university policy regarding authorized release of student information
4. verification of chapter members' ASU enrollment, subject to university policy regarding authorized release of student information
5. inclusion in university and student publications
6. eligibility for awards and honors presented to ASU organizations and their members
7. permission to collect reasonable dues, sponsor fund-raising events, and solicit funds, subject to university policy
8. participation in designated athletic, cultural, social, and other group events, including programs sponsored by its councils
9. permission to sponsor programs and activities consistent with the broader aims of the university and with the purposes of their organization
10. the right to recruit and select members subject to university policies as provided for in section 86.14, Title IX, U.S. Education Act of 1972

and

11. other privileges that may derive from membership in one or more of its councils.

Note: Support will not be provided to unrecognized or sub-rosa organizations.

Indemnification Clause

Each social Greek-letter organization agrees to defend and indemnify the State of Arizona, the Arizona Board of Regents, and the university, their officers, employees, and agents against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and from claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of or failure to perform any obligation of the organization referenced in this relationship statement.

Cross-References

For more information about university policy regarding fraternities and sororities, see:

1. [USI 104-01](#), "*Student Code of Conduct and Student Disciplinary Procedures*"
2. [USI 104-03](#), "*Hazing Prevention*"
3. [USI 106-03](#), "*Alcohol and Other Drugs on Campus.*"
4. and
5. [USI 1302-01](#), "*Student Organization Registration.*"

