Minimum Standards for Fraternities and Sororities

The Minimum Standards for Fraternities and Sororities is implemented to improve the management and the quality of the fraternity and sorority experience at the University of New Orleans (UNO). The agreement is between the member chapters of the InterFraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and National Panhellenic Conference as a condition of registered status as a Greek organization through the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership. These shared standards will be implemented and documented by the chapters and governing councils in coordination with professional staff of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

Purpose

To improve the management and quality of fraternities and sororities at UNO by outlining a clear, comprehensive set of standards that each chapter must attain to be registered as a Greek organization through the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership at the University of New Orleans. This helps the office:

(1) to provide an annual evaluation tool in which fraternities and sororities participate in a self-evaluation process and receive recognition for surpassing minimum standards, and

(2) to empower the Greek community to be part of the decision making process in determining how they wish to function within the greater University community. The intent of the Greek minimum standards process is to provide a framework by which chapters can quantify and document their activities and successes, while creating a tool by which fraternities and sororities can be evaluated.

Minimum Standards for recognized Greek Organizations

1. Membership

IFC and NPC chapters are required to maintain a chapter size at a minimum of 50% the size of the largest chapter in their council.

- NPHC chapters are required to maintain a minimum of three members.
- Any IFC chapter (who is not at 50% of the size of the largest chapter in their council) and NPC organizations (who are not at chapter total) are required to host recruitment activities each semester and initiate at least one new member.
If chapters do not uphold this membership size requirement, the organization must present and implement an approved “Chapter Visibility” action plan. Furthermore, the organization will be placed on probationary status for a specified amount of time as determined by the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership.

The Office of Student Involvement must be notified when potential new members are extended a bid by completing all new member forms (listed in Section 11).

*Inactive Status of NPHC Organizations Due to Membership Attrition: By definition, an undergraduate chapter must be comprised of enrolled collegiate members to remain active and in good standing. The chapter must re-generate membership on a continual basis in order to sustain itself long-term. When the situation arises where a chapter does not have any remaining undergraduate members, the chapter shall be immediately placed on “Inactive” status. Organizations who are “inactive” may host informational/interest meetings or tabling events with special permission from the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership. These programs should focus on enhancing visibility of the chapter in order to increase membership. However, inactive organizations are ineligible to vote in NPHC Council, hold leadership positions, and participate in NPHC programming without special permission/invitation from the university.

2. Scholarship

Chapters are to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 2.25 semester GPA. If a chapter has below this requirement, they will be placed on probation for one semester. During this time, the chapter must pose and implement an approved action plan to the Greek Life Advisor for improving the organization’s academics. If the chapter does not raise their GPA at the end of the following semester, their chapter will be placed on probationary status for additional semester(s).

Individual chapter members must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA to be on the chapter’s active roster.

Chapters must request grade checks for potential new members before offering bids/membership.

3. Finances

Chapters must meet all fiscal responsibilities. Such responsibilities include payment of all debts owed to the University of New Orleans, the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Panhellenic Conference, and the chapter’s National Association.

4. Housing Corporation

If a chapter is housed, it must have a Housing Corporation established and follow the laws of the State of Louisiana and the policies of its National organization.

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5. Chapter Advisor

A chapter must have an on campus faculty/staff advisor and an alumna/e advisor. The Alumna/e Chapter advisor must attend meetings as required through their responsibilities to their national organization. Chapter Advisors’ contact information must be updated and on file with Greek Life staff each fall semester (or as necessary).

6. Alumni

Alumni who attend any and all activities of the chapter are to adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by the University of New Orleans, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and National Panhellenic Conference.

7. Council Participation

All chapters must be a member of their respective umbrella group (i.e., IFC, NPHC, and NPC) in order to be officially recognized by the University. Chapters must fully participate in Council events (both their respective Council’s and Greek Council’s), sending the appropriate number of representatives designated by the sponsored governing Council for each event. Chapters must adhere to the rules and regulations prescribed in the Constitutions and By-Laws of the respective umbrella organizations as well as the UNO Student Organization Handbook.

8. Service Projects/Philanthropy Projects

Chapters must contribute to the campus and community in the area of public service and will be required to support at least 6 other Greek organizations in their service initiatives. In addition, each chapter must host one philanthropic program per year. When hosting a service program, the chapters must register the initiative with the Director of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership at least two weeks prior to the event.

9. Campus and Community Involvement

Each chapter must have every member involved in another student organization at the University of New Orleans or serve as a continual volunteer at a nonprofit in the Orleans Community. The chapter must submit a list of members and their involvement along with their annual Greek Life Evaluation.

10. Greek Unity

Chapters are expected to foster positive relationships with other Greek chapters. Each organization is expected to co-sponsor one program with a fellow chapter within their council or between IFC/NPC chapters and NPHC organizations each academic year.

11. Records

Each chapter must submit to the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership the following
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Student Organization Registration Form</td>
<td>First week of classes</td>
<td>Fall Semester</td>
<td>Sil.uno.edu</td>
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<td>Proof of Insurance</td>
<td>October 15th</td>
<td>Fall Semester</td>
<td>Receipt of your chapter dues to their Nationals</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapter/Executive Board Roster</td>
<td>Friday after first week of classes</td>
<td>Fall AND Spring Semester</td>
<td>See Requirements on Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Semester Calendar</td>
<td>Due Date set by Greek Advisor</td>
<td>End of Fall and Spring Semester</td>
<td>Template will be emailed to presidents</td>
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<td>Annual Evaluation</td>
<td>Friday following Finals Week</td>
<td>Spring Semester</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<tr>
<td>University Alcohol Policy Training</td>
<td>After new president takes office &amp; before events with alcohol</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Contact Amy King for Moodle Training</td>
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<tr>
<td>Greek Social or Philanthropy Program Notification Form</td>
<td>At least one week prior to event date</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Philanthropy &amp; Volunteerism Report</td>
<td>Within two weeks after philanthropy event or volunteer activity</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Member Removal Form</td>
<td>Within 5 business day of removal</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Verification of New Members/Aspirants Form (Grade Release)</td>
<td>Within 5 business days of bid acceptance (IFC/NPC) or application submission (NPHC)</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<td>Change of Officers Form</td>
<td>Within one week of change</td>
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<td>Change of Advisor Form</td>
<td>Within one week of change</td>
<td>Annually, or as needed</td>
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<td>Anti-Hazing Statement</td>
<td>One week after recruitment/rush (IFC/NPC). Within 24 hours of submission of application (NPHC)</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Greeklife.uno.edu</td>
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<td>*Notice of Intake</td>
<td>At least two weeks prior to informational/interest meeting</td>
<td>As needed</td>
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<td>** Continuous Open Bidding Acceptance Agreement</td>
<td>Within 24 hours of bid acceptance</td>
<td>As needed for informal recruitment</td>
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*NPHC Only, **NPC Only

Repeated failure to submit forms to the Greek Life Advisor by their deadline will result in change of chapter status to “Inactive” by the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership.
12. Requirements

Chapter presidents are required to meet with the Greek Advisor on at least once a month to discuss chapter progress. Chapter representatives are required to attend the workshops and programs scheduled by the Greek Life Advisor.

13. Expansion

If an organization wishes to become a Greek fraternity or sorority at the University of New Orleans, they must follow the guidelines as set forth by the University’s Guidelines for Expansion.

14. Definitions

*Greek Life Probationary/Warning Status:* The chapter shall be supervised and shall operate within specific condition as deemed appropriate and necessary by its respective umbrella organization, national organization and the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership. Requirements set forth by UNO’s Office of Student Accountability will be upheld as well. The Chapter will receive written notification that they are on Warning/Probationary status. They will be asked to meet with the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership to review their specific conditions to which they may operate. The chapter must also work with the appropriate entities to determine a strategy to implement in order to meet and maintain Greek minimum standards.

*Greek Life Suspension:* For a chapter has not met minimum standards for two reviews (two or more years). The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, along with the chapter’s umbrella organization and national association will review the progress of the organization and determine the specific appropriate measures to occur. UNO Office of Accountability penalties will be enforced as well.

15. General Rules

- All chapters will be responsible for following the Risk Management Policy of the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group.
- Any and all acts of racial or sexist behavior that may bring physical or mental harm or disgrace to another student or group of students will not be tolerated.
- All chapters are responsible to adhering to their national organization’s policy as well as the University of New Orleans’ Student Code of Conduct, UNO Student Organization Handbook, University Alcohol Policy and University Anti-Hazing Policy.

*I understand that I am responsible for informing my chapter of these standards. I also understand that failure to comply with any of the above standards shall result in disciplinary action taken against the chapter by the respective umbrella organization and/or the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.*

Organization __________________________________________________________

President’s Signature ________________________________________________ Date _____________