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. The agreement is between the member chapters of the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Association 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, but 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.

1. to provide an annual evaluation tool in which fraternities and sororities can 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. In addition, all IFC chapters (who are 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.

*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 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. **Scholarships**: 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 for improving the organization’s academics. If the chapter does not raise their GPA, 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.

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 Pan-Hellenic Council, 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.

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 Advisor’s contact information must be updated and on file with Greek life staff annually.

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 Pan-Hellenic Council.

7. **Greek Council:** All chapters must be a member of their respective umbrella group (i.e., IFC, NPHC, and NPC, which are subgroups of the Greek Council) in order to be officially recognized by the University. Chapters must fully participate in Council events, 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.
11. **Records:** Each chapter must submit to the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership the following:

- Student Organization Registration Form (Due at the beginning of the Fall semester)
- Chapter Roster Report (Due at the beginning and end of each semester)
- New/Change of Officers (Due at the beginning of each semester or when positions are modified)
- Change of Advisor Form (Due at the beginning of each semester or when positions are modified)
- Semester Calendar (Due at the beginning of each semester)
- Chapter Anti-Hazing Statement (For IFC/PHA, due one week after recruitment or intake. For NPHC, due within 24 hours of submission of application.)
- Greek Social or Philanthropy Program Notification Form (Submitted one week prior to event)
- Philanthropy & Volunteerism Report (Due within two weeks after philanthropy event or volunteer activity)
- Verification of New Members/Aspirants (For IFC and NPC chapters, this form is due within 5 business days of bid acceptance. For NPHC chapters, this form is due with 5 business days after application has been submitted.)
- Continuous Open Biding Acceptance Agreement (For NPC chapters only; due within 24 hours of bid acceptance)
- Notice of Intake (For NPHC chapters only, due two weeks prior to informational program)
- Greek Life Annual Evaluation (Due at the end of each academic year, however chapters should be collecting information for this evaluation throughout the year)
- Proof of Insurance (Due with Greek Life Annual Evaluation)
- List of Membership Involvement in Student Organization and/or New Orleans Community (Due with Greek Life Annual Evaluation)

12. **Requirements:** Chapter presidents are expected to meetings with the Greek Advisor on a regular basis to discuss chapter progress. Chapter presidents are required to attend the scheduled Greek Council meetings. Chapter representatives are required to attend the workshops and programs that the Greek Advisor schedules.

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 to 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 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 for Fraternities and Sororities shall result in disciplinary action taken against the chapter by the respective umbrella organization and/or the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.*

Organization

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President’s Signature

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Date

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