Shippensburg University Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Guidelines for Joining a Fraternity or Sorority

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I. Qualifications

- No student may join before having completed one academic semester and 12 credits at Shippensburg University, except transfer students having earned a minimum of twelve transfer credits. No organization may extend a bid to a student who does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 (cumulative) is required for any student being recruited by a fraternity or sorority.
- Before extended a bid to a potential member, organizations MUST submit an eligibility check at least 24 hours in advance of the planned time for distributing invitations to join. No invitations to join may be distributed until the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life has given approval. Individuals who receive bids without a grade clearance are not recognized as members of the Greek community until a grade clearance is issued.

II. Semester of Affiliation

- All organizations and individual members are required to follow the guidelines set forth in this policy as well as the Shippensburg University Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Anti-Hazing Policy.
- New Member activities should not interfere with academics in any way. New Members must be given sufficient time for class attendance, study, personal hygiene, meals and participation in other co-curricular activities and employment. Questions about sufficient time should be directed to the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life, an organizations advisor of their Inter/National Headquarters.
- New Members will not be caused undue fatigue and will be given sufficient time for sleep and rest.
- New Member activities will not be scheduled between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. any day of the week.
- All New Member activities and projects must be scheduled with appropriate time for completion.
- All proposed New Member activities must be submitted to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at the beginning of the semester or as requested by the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
- All chapter members must read, understand and sign the Anti-Hazing Policy/Anti-Hazing Agreement where it will be kept on file until the individual member graduates. Organization members ARE NOT considered recognized members of the Greek community until this is done.
- All New Members are responsible for attending mandatory programs each semester on hazing and affiliation sponsored by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

- The New Member period is a maximum of six weeks. Exceptions to this must be approved in writing by the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
- At least one day, from Sunday through Thursday, must be left free of any mandatory New Member activities with the exception of chapter meetings or Inter/Nationally prescribed or locally approved ritual ceremonies/events.
- All association related activities should be in accordance with the University Anti-Hazing Policy which can be found in the Shippensburg University Student handbook, Swataney, and on the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life website, www.ship.edu/greeks.

III. Judicial Sanctioning Guidelines for Violations of Guidelines

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life attempts to consistently apply judicial sanctions. As such, there are established guidelines that guide the decisions of the judicial officers and judicial boards in the area of fraternity/sorority violations of the association policy. These guidelines apply to individuals as well as the groups and group's officers. These guidelines assume no prior judicial violations, thus the suggested sanctions are listed at the minimum level. Sanctions are subject to modification by the judicial board or judicial officer when multiple violations or other extenuating circumstances warrant it. The guidelines are:

A. *Extending a Bid to an Ineligible Student or Students*:

1.) 1st Offense
- University Probation for a term of one year for the ineligible students and the chapter as well as selected chapter officers (may include, but is not limited to, Chapter President, New Member Educator, Risk Management Chair)
- Chapter Advisor and Inter/National Headquarters Contacted

2.) 2nd Offense within two years
- University probation for a term of up to two years for the chapter as well as selected chapter officers (may include, but is not limited to, Chapter President, New Member Educator, Risk Management Chair)
- Loss of Greek Week or Homecoming privileges – relevant to semester
- Chapter Advisor and Inter/National Headquarters Contacted

3.) 3rd Offense within two years
- University Suspension of chapter officers for a minimum of one academic semester (may include, but is not limited to, Chapter President, New Member Educator, Risk Management Chair)
- Chapter loses campus recognition for a minimum of one academic semester
- Recommendation to Inter/National Headquarters that chapter closes indefinitely