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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Fraternity and Sorority Recognition Policy

Recognition is the formal process by which Colorado State University agrees that a particular social fraternity or sorority may function as a recognized organization on campus, recruit members, and enjoy the benefits associated with being a registered student organization.

Recognition as a CSU fraternity or sorority involves meeting minimum expectations and benefiting from services and opportunities provided by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Colorado State University.

The purpose of this recognition policy is to ensure that the establishment of fraternities and sororities occurs in a manner conducive to the educational mission of CSU, including carefully developed plans for successful establishment and installation, as well as plans for providing a meaningful and rewarding experience for the students choosing to join the fraternity and sorority community.

1. Minimum Expectations of and Benefits to Recognized Fraternities and Sororities:
 - a. Minimum expectations of recognized fraternities/sororities:
 - i. Be a chapter of an inter/national organization (incorporation, national officers, etc.)
 - ii. Hold a liability insurance policy (one million minimum)
 - iii. Participate in the CSU [fraternity and sorority accreditation program](#)
 - iv. Adhere to all University policies as they pertain to fraternities and sororities, registered student organizations, and students.
 - v. Adhere to the [Fraternity & Sorority Joint Community Risk Management Policy](#)
 - vi. Participate in appropriate governing council and follow respective council policies
 - vii. Maintain a current roster of all chapter members with the OFSL that includes full names, student ID number, and contact information.
 - viii. Communicate with the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL) and share key leadership contact information
 - ix. Complete process to be a recognized CSU student organization
 - b. Benefits recognized fraternities/sororities receive:
 - i. Recognition as a registered CSU student organization and all privileges afforded to recognized groups including access to campus room reservations, access to an on-campus business account, etc.
 - ii. Access to leadership development, scholarship, and educational opportunities and programs
 - iii. Recruitment support and promotion in community-wide promotional efforts and outreach

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- iv. Compilation and provision of a grade report each semester
- v. Listing in University publications, websites, and directories
- vi. Access to advisory support from professional staff in OFSL
- vii. Use of the University's name and logo when identifying the student organization

2. Process

- a. Submit application for recognition to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life for review. An application for recognition includes the following components:
 - i. Statement and pledge of sponsorship from an inter/national organization including articulation of a commitment to abide by CSU policies, regulations and procedures and uphold CSU values
 - ii. Contact information for the individual serving as the University contact from the inter/national organization
 - iii. Identification of an advisor (with contact information included)
 - iv. Plans for the (re)establishment of the organization (including any relevant promotional and recruitment activities, based staff, etc.)
 - v. Recruitment and new member/intake procedures for the organization
 - vi. Outline of risk management policy and proof of liability insurance (one million minimum)
 - vii. Source of support for the colony or new group
 - viii. If the organization exists as an interest group, names and student ID numbers of interest group members should be provided
- b. Once materials are submitted, the OFSL will review and follow up with the organization regarding next steps, including meetings/conversations
- c. After approval by the OFSL, the organization will be referred to the appropriate governing council for review. An organization must be recognized by one of four fraternity and sorority governing councils to be a recognized fraternity or sorority at CSU
 - i. Each governing council has a unique process for recognition detailed at the conclusion of this document
- d. After approval from the governing council the organization will be referred to the Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement Office to submit a request to become a registered student organization. The OFSL will notify SLiCE when an inter/national organization has been invited to establish a campus by OFSL and approved by the respective governing council
 - i. Student organizations must meet the following minimum standards:
 - 1. Have a clearly stated lawful purpose, which must be part of a constitution
 - 2. If affiliated with a national organization, must include a letter of affiliation with the constitution. The affiliate may not be a for-profit entity. A copy of 501.3.c status may be requested at the time of registration. The letter of affiliation must be sent to lsc_studentorgs@mail.colostate.edu at the time of registration

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3. Have a minimum of four Colorado State University student members, at least two of whom act as officers for the organizations
 4. The majority of the members must be Colorado State University students
 5. Each organization must have an advisor who is a full-time or part-time Faculty, Administrative Professional or State Classified staff member. Graduate students will be allowed to serve as organizational advisors with consent from their academic advisor. Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life staff are ineligible to serve in this role.
 6. Have an adequate and approved system of accounting for organizational funds
 7. Comply with University policies and regulations pertaining to student organizations
- e. Upon approval from these three offices/groups, the organization will be considered a recognized fraternity/sorority
3. Standing
- After recognition is granted by CSU and the OFSL, the group is assumed to be in good standing. Violations of CSU and OFSL policies will be referred to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services. This does not preclude the inter/national organization from taking independent action on a violation. Outcomes related to the conduct process may result in loss of good standing or loss of recognition. Additional information about the student organization conduct process can be reviewed at length in the CSU Student Code of Conduct (<http://www.conflictresolution.colostate.edu/conduct-code>).

Groups are expected to observe the expectations of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life as listed previously in this document to remain a recognized organization on campus.