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Excellence in Academic Achievement

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates how they support their members' journey to become <b>lifelong learners and develop critical thinking skills</b> through a variety of programs and initiatives that challenge members beyond their academic performance.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters might mention ways their academic initiatives inform their focus on developing an understanding of academic excellence beyond grade performance, such as professional development opportunities and engagement with campus resources. This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>lifelong learning and critical thinking.</b>]</p>					
Chapter can articulate their scholarship plan, which includes chapter goal setting, plans for maintaining pre-established GPA requirements/expectations, and how the plan will be operationalized by the chapter.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area have a plan that addresses how the chapter achieves outlined goals that may include a variety of formal or informal strategies to engage membership in academic excellence. This may also include ways the chapter utilizes their officer transitions, programming, and/or relationship building among chapter members to create a culture of scholarship in the chapter.]</p>					
Chapter is able to describe how they recognize individual member's academic achievement.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area can easily articulate how they encourage and reward both excellence and improvement through their recognition program and relate this process to their organizational values.]</p>					
Chapter has a plan for supporting and holding accountable individuals that do not meet academic requirements.					
<p>Comments:</p>					



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[Chapters excelling in this area have formal and informal processes for encouraging academic success. This may be through creating individualized academic plans that monitor academic progress and provide information, resources, and strategies that encourage improvement.]					
Chapter hosts academic workshops or educational opportunities for members to explore their educational goals and expand their academic skills/promote lifelong learning.					
Comments:  [Chapters might mention workshops or educational opportunities that foster skill building for post-college professional life, effective study habits, and/or how to engage critically in academic concepts for learning that will last a lifetime.]					
Chapter utilizes various supports in their academic efforts.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area effectively identify and engage with systems, people, and programs that best meet their needs and help achieve academic goals. For example, chapters may utilize a faculty/staff and/or scholarship advisor, attend workshops related to academic success, engage with campus resources such as TILT or the Career Center, or actively outreach to other scholarship resources.]					

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Excellence in Harm Reduction & Risk Management

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates how they support one another in meeting harm reduction expectations and ensure members are healthy connected to the community value of <b>building connections</b> .					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters might mention ways their brotherhood/sisterhood informs their focus on holding members accountable and ensuring members are safe and well. This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>building coalitions and connections</b>.]</p>					
Chapter articulates a harm reduction plan focused on keeping members and guests safe in a wide variety of situations.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area have a formalized plan enacted around individual member safety focused on reducing the potential of harm and on policy compliance. This might include social events, fire safety, wellness related topics, new member programming, etc.]</p>					
The chapter's risk management plan focuses on topics/areas beyond alcohol and social event management.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area operationalize risk management and harm reduction in ways that go beyond managing social events with alcohol. This might include hazing prevention, interpersonal violence prevention, eating disorder awareness and education, fire safety, personal wellness, mental health, etc. This might include individual interactions as well as chapter programming and initiatives.]</p>					
Chapter provides educational opportunities for members on harm reduction or risk management topics.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area actively provide educational opportunities connected to risk related topics to the entire chapter. This might include ways that the chapter onboards new members and provides education on harm reduction topics and policy compliance to all members.]</p>					



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Chapter has processes for holding members accountable for sound decision making related to harm reduction and risk management.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area have formal and informal processes for encouraging good decision making, addressing member and chapter mistakes, and communicating care for individual member wellness, and can easily articulate those processes.]</p>					
Chapter has accurate understanding of CSU, (inter)national organization, and fraternity/sorority community risk management policies and actively works to follow these policies.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area can articulate the layers of policies they need to know and how they actively work to follow those policies. This might include ways the chapter has learned about policy compliance opportunities from past mistakes or formal educational opportunities provided by the chapter.]</p>					

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Excellence in Community Service & Philanthropy

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates how engaging in service and philanthropy efforts allow the chapter and individual members the opportunity to serve as <b>change agents</b> , addressing community needs, advocating for important causes, and working to effectively improve our community.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area can articulate ways their service/philanthropy events inform their focus on addressing the root cause of social issues. This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>change agents</b> .]					
Chapter can articulate their plan to help members understand the importance of service and philanthropy.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area can articulate ways their service efforts teach members to focus on the impact of their service (vs. as a mere requirement). They may reference intentionally debriefing service activities.]					
Chapter hosts regular service opportunities for members and tracks participation.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area can articulate ways they share service opportunities within the chapter and the mechanisms they use to track service hours or incentives for the completion of individual service.]					
Chapters engages in philanthropic efforts and understands the root cause the efforts support.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area effectively communicate the underlying root cause issue being addressed through their philanthropic efforts. This may include references to going beyond simply raising money for their national philanthropic partner & extend to advocating on behalf of the root cause					



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issue. For example, if the organization is working with Project Homeless Connect, they might share that they engage in city-wide policy conversations about the treatment of the people experiencing homelessness or the criminalization of poverty.]					
Chapter works to educate members and attendees/community about the root cause their philanthropic efforts support (including as a root cause issue, i.e. poverty, etc.).					
Community:  [Chapters excelling in this area can articulate ways they educate their members and non-members engaged in their philanthropic efforts about their philanthropic partner. This is communicated in person and on all marketing materials for the event.]					
Chapter encourages individual members to do service in their lives and connects these efforts to organizational values.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area can articulate ways they incentivize the completion of individual service hours and educate the chapter on the connection between doing service in our community and their organizational values. Examples may include day of service programming & service in preparation for initiation.]					

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Excellence in Membership Development

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter supports the development and growth of each member through every state of membership connected to the community value of <b>lifelong learning and critical thinking</b> .					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area have developmental opportunities for members at all levels (first-year students through graduating seniors). This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>lifelong learning and critical thinking</b> .]					
Chapter provides leadership and personal development experiences for members.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area provide leadership and personal developmental experiences for their members. This might include the delivery of educational programs on a wide range of topics and/or programs sponsored by the (inter)national organization.]					
Chapter has a plan for building/enhancing brotherhood/sisterhood.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area have formal and informal structures utilized to build/enhance brotherhood/sisterhood. This might include brotherhood/sisterhood retreats and other activities that increase the membership's sense of belonging.]					
Chapter utilizes Ritual education and helps members understand the importance of living organizational values as expressed through Ritual.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area provide Ritual education to all members throughout the membership experience in promotion of the organization's values and lifelong membership.]					
Chapter encourages individual involvement around campus and seeking leadership roles and opportunities.					
Comments:					



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[Chapter excelling in this area articulate specific ways they encourage involvement in other on-campus opportunities and the pursuit of leadership roles in those organizations. This might include incentivizing on-campus involvement opportunities, recognizing involved members, and challenging all members to be involved in an organization outside of the fraternity/sorority.]

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Excellence in Intake, Recruitment, & Retention

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates their ability to <b>build coalitions and connections</b> through the utilization of a values-based recruitment plan.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area intentionally incorporate the values of their organization into their recruitment or intake efforts and offer membership to individuals that share similar values and ideals. This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>building coalitions and connections</b>.]</p>					
Chapter implements a new/associate education/intake plan which includes expectations of membership, organizational history, organizational values, and academic achievement/skill development.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area can articulate how their new/associate education/intake plan teaches members about relevant organizational information in an engaging way. This might include individual reflection, facilitated group discussion, and interactive educational activities.]</p>					
Chapter has an intentional and reasonable plan for growth.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area set realistic and intentional membership goals, offer membership to individuals that exemplify organizational values, and actively strive to retain members at all stages of their membership. Chapters should articulate how they manage this growth plan through bringing in and retaining members.]</p>					
Chapter provides hazing prevention education for membership.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area provide hazing prevention education beyond the mandated programs required by their (inter)national organization and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. This might include hazing prevention workshops, critically assessing current practices, and adjusting chapter practices to eliminate potential hazing.]</p>					

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Excellence in Chapter Management

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates how members engage in <b>critical thinking</b> in developing chapter management practices.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters might mention how officers and advisors think critically about systems and practices that can be amended or have been adjusted for long-term success and systemic improvement. This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>lifelong learning and critical thinking.</b>]</p>					
Chapter articulates systems they utilize to remain organized and high functioning (may include financial management, calendaring, meetings efficiency, and communication strategies).					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area are easily able to identify the systems they use for organization and communication. Typically, this includes use of shared calendars, web-based communication and document sharing mediums, etc. The chapter should be able to articulate how these systems have improved chapter management.]</p>					
Chapter describes financial practices that indicate financial solvency and transparent decision-making.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area understand what financial solvency is and can share their methods for successfully managing chapter finances including dues collection and transparently communicating financial structures and needs to the chapter at large. This might include systems, policies, or practices set up to ensure long-term financial success.]</p>					
Chapter identifies strategies for running effective chapter meetings and reflects on the effectiveness of those strategies in the past year.					
<p>Comments:</p>					



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<p>[Chapters excelling in this area have <i>specific</i> strategies employed to make meetings effective. This may include ways to engage all members, strategies for communication before and after meetings, ways to allow officers to conduct business, management of meeting length, etc.]</p>					
<p>Chapter details process for developing a balanced and organized chapter calendar that reflects the organization's values while avoiding over programming and reflects on the success of that process over the last year.</p>					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[While chapters excelling in this area do not need to have arrived at a perfectly balanced calendar, they are able to reflect on the process they have in place and their thoughtfulness connected to creating a balanced calendar that provided developmental opportunities for members that are congruent with the organization's values.]</p>					
<p>Chapter has strategies for effectively communicating with chapter membership regarding chapter business and ongoing and upcoming programs and opportunities.</p>					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area identify a forum for communicating to members. Depending on chapter size and structure, this forum can be in person or virtual, but chapters can articulate how their current system is effective for their membership.]</p>					
<p>Chapter officers work together to share administrative responsibilities and communicate regularly with one another to address chapter needs and opportunities.</p>					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area have a way for chapter officers – usually executive board officers – to share responsibilities and discuss ongoing chapter needs. Often this occurs through a functioning executive board meeting schedule and division of responsibilities. There should also be a way for officers not meeting expectations to be held accountable.]</p>					

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Excellence in External Relations

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Chapter articulates how positive external relations allows them to effectively <b>build connections</b> with a variety of constituents.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area articulate various ways they communicate with a variety of constituents to <b>build coalitions and make authentic connections</b> . This item is specific to the community's non-negotiable value of <b>building coalitions and connections</b> .]					
Chapter engages with alumni/ae through meaningful events/communication.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area articulate specific examples of how they engage alumni/ae. This might include alumni/ae events, newsletters, alumni advisor engagement and appreciation, etc.]					
Chapter engages with faculty/staff.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area articulate specific examples of how they engage faculty/staff. This might include faculty appreciation activities, faculty/staff advisor engagement, etc.]					
Chapter engages with parents and family members through meaningful events/communication.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area articulate specific examples of how they engage parents and families. This might include parent and family events, newsletters, outreach to parents and families related to milestones in their student's membership (initiation, upcoming alumni status), etc.]					
Chapter engages with local community.					
Comments:  [Chapters excelling in this area articulate specific examples of how they engage the local community. This might include service events in town, neighborhood activities if the chapter has a facility, etc.]					



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Chapter is engaged in the larger fraternity and sorority community through event co-sponsorship, communication, partnership, etc.					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>[Chapters excelling in this area articulate specific examples of how they engage the larger fraternity and sorority community through event co-sponsorship, communication, partnership, etc. Examples might include co-sponsored service/philanthropy events, educational programs, social events, participating in programming board sponsored programs, etc.]</p>					

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