

# NC State University

## Standards Program for Fraternities and Sororities

### Brief Summary



#### Mission Statement:

There is a common set of principles to which all Greeks ascribe. The Standards Program at NC State aims to challenge the Greek Community membership to live up to those highest principles and ideals upon which our respective organizations were founded. Knowing that individual members' and chapters' actions reflect on all Greeks at NC State and nationwide, our Greek community can only be as strong as its weakest link. The Standards Program will challenge the NC State Greeks to have integrity – steadfast adherence to the oath we took as we made a lifelong commitment to our respective fraternity/sorority. By providing a set of standards that reflect these common principles, the Standards Program provides Greeks at NC State a level of accountability, with an opportunity to seek distinction. In the end, the goal of the Standards Program is simple. As members of fraternities and sororities, we should be better for our affiliation, the campus improved for our involvement, and the greater community enhanced for our contribution.

#### Our Greek Community Standards

##### I. Alumni/Graduate Chapter Relations

- A. Each chapter shall have a chapter advisor who either lives or works within the Raleigh area, and who has the support of the inter/national organization.
- B. Chapters will annually publish an alumni newsletter, co-sponsor an event with a Raleigh graduate/alumni chapter, or host a minimum of one program that involves alumni or graduate members.

##### II. Campus Leadership and Involvement

- A. (Standards are grand-fathered in each year until highest percentage is reached)
  1. 75% of the chapter must cumulatively attend two all-campus events each year. Any event requiring participation of chapters to meet council obligations are excluded. Organization meetings or events primarily sponsored by Greek chapters or councils do not fulfill this standard.
  2. 50% of the chapter membership must participate in one organization outside of their Greek-letter organization.
- B. All Greek organizations are required to have an involved faculty advisor by Fall 2006.
- C. Chapters may sponsor non-educational programs intentionally open to the campus and file evaluations of those programs for recognition only.

##### III. Council Involvement

Chapters must:

- A. Be recognized by a governing council and maintain good standing.
- B. Have 25% of their membership cumulatively attend an event sponsored by or co-sponsor an event with another chapter of the same council.
- C. Have 50% of their membership cumulatively attend an event sponsored by, or co-sponsor an event with a chapter not of the same council. Events involving alcohol or recruitment do not qualify.

##### IV. Educational Programming

Each chapter will be asked to engage in at least three programs/workshops a semester (six total). Programs may occur during chapter meetings or be open to the campus. If a chapter co-sponsors an educational program with another chapter, that program may be eligible to cover both educational programming and council involvement standards, thus allowing chapters to collaborate and not create duplicate programming requirements. Chapter sponsored/co-sponsored programs should have >50% of the membership attending to qualify.

##### V. Finances

- A. Every chapter is asked to submit documentation of/or a chapter budget that is approved by their chapter advisor in projected, mid year and end of the year reports.
- B. Chapters are asked to maintain good financial standing with their respective council, the university, and housing agencies, if applicable, by paying dues and bills in a timely manner.

## VI. Leadership Training

- A. Leadership Development within your organization
  - 1. Officer Transitions with Chapter advisor present.
  - 2. At least one person from your chapter should attend a leadership program and/or business meeting sponsored by your national/regional organization
  - 3. The executive board of each chapter should prepare goals that move the chapter towards excellence as defined by their organization standards and that satisfy all areas of the Standards Program
- B. Leadership development via Greek Life and other campus resources
  - 1. Chapter President should attend the Department's Greek Leaders Retreat
  - 2. Encourage membership to attend the Triangle Greek Leadership Conference
  - 3. Encourage membership to take advantage of the Leadership Development Series workshops coordinated by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service
  - 4. Nominate qualifying members for Order of Omega
  - 5. Encourage membership to take advantage of other leadership training opportunities offered by the campus or community such as UIFI, Recruitment Boot Camp, LeaderShape, SEPC, NBGLC, MGCA, etc.

## VII. Membership

- A. Comply with Department procedures regarding membership selection and process.
- B. Chapters must maintain an up to date membership roster with the Department.
- C. Intentionally create two brotherhood/sisterhood events a semester, outside of chapter meetings, that are either for members only or members and their families, with a majority of the membership participating.
- D. Chapters would be greatly served by developing retention efforts targeted at remaining relevant to its membership during all stages of lifelong affiliation.

## VIII. Risk Management

- A. All fraternities and sororities shall comply with the risk management policies as set forth by their inter/national organization.
- B. Any events held on Fraternity Court are subject to the Greek Court Social Event Rules. Any events held in Talley Student Center are subject to the Late Night Party Regulation.
- C. The Department of Greek Life, in conjunction with Student Conduct, will coordinate 2-3 sessions on risk management each year. Each chapter is responsible for ensuring their social chair, risk management chair, intake chair/new member educator, chapter president, house manager, and any other applicable officer attends one of those meetings.

## IX. Scholarship/Academics

- A., B., C. Each fraternity and sorority shall have an elected scholarship chairman, established academic advisor, as well as a developed and implemented chapter scholarship program. The chapter faculty/staff advisor suggested in Section II. B, may serve as an academic advisor.
- D.
  - 1. It is suggested New Members with a High School un-weighted GPA below a 2.75 should not be offered bids. Aspirants/New Members with an existing college GPA below a 2.5 should be offered membership with caution. Greek Life does not recommend extending bids of membership to lifelong students.
  - 2. A Chapter's New Member GPA, as reported by the Department of Greek Life each semester, should be a 2.75 or above.
- E. Sororities should meet or exceed the all women's GPA each semester. Fraternities should meet or exceed the all men's GPA each semester. If a chapter's grades fall below that benchmark, the chapter should demonstrate a continued improvement by 0.05 each semester.

## X. Service/Philanthropy

- A. Service.
  - 1. Engage in a minimum of one community service project in which you give your **time** to a worthwhile cause each semester. If co-sponsored with another chapter, this event may satisfy part of the council involvement standard.
  - 2. Each semester, the chapter must cumulatively acquire an average of 10 service hours per member with >75% of the membership actively volunteering.
- B. Philanthropy.
  - 1. Initiate and implement a minimum of one philanthropic event in which >75% of your members raise money or goods to donate to a worthwhile cause each year. Goals should be developed for funds raised on a per member basis. (i.e. \$200.00 /member x 25 members = \$5,000.00 or 10# of food/member x 50 members = 500# of food raised)
  - 2. Each organization is also asked to participate in at least one philanthropy project of another organization, preferably one from each council. While donations are also appropriate, they don't discount the value of your organization's active participation.