

MINUTES
PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE
February 7, 2018

Rob Stuart, Chair, called to order the meeting of the President's Task Force on Greek Life in the LSU Foundation Building Harrison Board Room, on February 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

Rob Stuart, Chair
Dan Layzell, Vice Chair
Jason Badeaux, Student Government President
Kenneth McMillin, Faculty Senate President
Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students
Verge Ausberry, Athletics Department Representative
Mason Tusa, Interfraternity Council President
Anesha Pink, National Pan-Hellenic Council President
Madison Hopper, Panhellenic Council President
Camille Flint, Residence Hall Association President
BJ Billeaudeau, Kappa Sigma House Corporation Representative

ABSENT

None absent.

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton "Trey" Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Hannah Rovira, Coordinator in the LSU Office of the President; Ernie Ballard, LSU Media Relations Director; and representatives of the news media.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

I. Opening Comments – Rob Stuart, Chair

Rob Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the Task Force will finalize their report to the President by the February 21, 2018 deadline.

II. Approval of Task Force Minutes

Upon motion of Verge, seconded by Camille, the committee voted unanimously to approve the Task Force minutes.

III. Continued Task Force Discussion of Findings and Potential Recommendations

Review PS-78 ("Serving, Possessing, and Consuming of Alcoholic Beverages") for potential changes/refinements, with particular focus on the sections pertaining to "University Regulations" and "Registered Student Organization Events"

Require all new member recruitment, education, and related activities to be alcohol-free

Rob stated this would also include looking at third party vendors and procurement policies. He further commented all new member events must be alcohol-free. Mari asked if the policy is under the Greek Life Office or the chapter. Rob replied this would be under the Greek Life Office.

Require all Greek chapters to have a written policy that bans hard alcohol (ABV > 15%) and common source alcohol (e.g., kegs, punch dispensers) from chapter premises at all times, and enforce this policy at off-campus social events as well

Rob commented this recommendation means all beer and wine at all chapter parties. Mari stated this changes PS78 to limiting what can be provided by a vendor to just beer and wine. BJ asked what is the intention for offsite events and regulation. Rob replied there is an upcoming recommendation that addresses this. Mari stated the Greek Life Office already has departmental guidelines. Jason stated this should apply to all students living on campus, and asked if on campus students are limited to the 15% limit as well. Mari replied that is a Residential Life policy and this is a Greek life policy but we could ask Residential Life to limit to beer and wine. Mari also stated student organizations would have to register their parties and they are finding more oversight needs to happen for organization events. BJ asked if we are saying this will apply in private rooms. Mari replied this Task Force is making recommendations for Greek life but to be consistent we could make a recommendation to Residential Life to have the same alcohol standard. Camille stated Residential Life reviewed the policies and this did not come up as a topic yet. Mari suggests this is consistent with all student organizations and Residential Life. Rob stated this would limit to beer and wine even for in the room for Greek houses. Verge asked if this covers every student organization on campus. Mari replied this is where we need consistency for all if we put this into effect. She stated the three main areas are Greek Life, Campus Life, and Res Life. BJ stated he agrees with Jason that it should be consistent across all organizations and housing. Jason asked what the proposed enforcement of registration of off campus events is. Mari replied we have to work with advisors and if organizations don't comply there will be follow up and consequences. She commented they are looking at a partnership process for other student organizations as well.

Require Greek chapter presidents and advisory board chairs to sign pledge annually that all social events (on- and off-campus) will be registered and conducted according to University and chapter policies

Rob commented a big focus will be on the presidents and advisory boards for events. Ken stated that if we are going to have a judicial board they will need to sign off on the policy as well. Verge commented that majority have to be from Baton Rouge. Ken asked why wouldn't we require chapter members to sign that as part of their contract. Rob stated we can and we do need to decide how specific we want to be in the contract. He further commented we could state in the contracts they abide by all policies and procedures and highlight specific policies. He noted that everybody needs a clear understanding of their obligations. Mari asked that we discussed new member

education and contracts so what about contracts for actives. Rob replied that the recommendation is everyone signs it every semester.

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Limit attendance at IFC chapter social events to three non-members for every member

Rob remarked this recommendation is consistent with North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) recommendations and other national recommendations. Mari stated a caveat may also be fire code capacity so they may not be able to have three but at the top end capacity would be three. Mari asked if we should add language about capacity by fire code standards. Rob replied yes. Jason asked about family member crawfish boils and if you are limited to three tickets. Rob replied it would fall under the policy but there could be consideration for exclusions for an alumni or family event. Mari remarked this would most likely be an indoor/outdoor event so there should still be some safety requirements but there needs to flexibility. Rob stated the intention is to limit the size of parties but we may have to look at the type of event. BJ replied to Rob's point that this is focused on undergraduate parties. Rob commented we will do some more work on the language of the recommendation.

Move all Greek organization tailgating to IFC chapter houses beginning with 2018 football season and require full compliance with PS-78

Rob commented this recommendation is to put tailgates in full compliance with PS-78. Anesha commented since this states IFC then this is limited to just IFC. BJ asked if it would be better to redefine this as tailgates are required to be registered events and then apply it to all organizations. Mari replied that would be a gameday operations issue and we attempted it a couple years ago but gameday operations would have to support this. Mason stated chapters are eager to move it back to the houses. BJ replied he does not disagree but wanted to ask if there is a move for registration of all student organization tailgates. Mari replied that we have capacity for 50 student organizations to register for the Parade Ground but that is if someone limits it to the Parade Ground. Mari commented gameday operations was willing to set up spots for spaces on the Parade Grounds, organizations went through TigerLink to register, and a staff member walked through but there was a small turnout. Jason asked about addressing the cost issues of this for chapters because the cost is enormous for a chapter and without the University buy in it, it would be hard to make it to work. Dan stated he has agreed to work with the University's procurement to look at purchasing power for this issue. Jason asked if can he could bring that information next meeting.

Require all Greek chapters to develop a "drug-free" policy for chapter houses (with enforcement mechanisms and consequences for non-compliance) and have all chapter presidents and advisory board chairs certify with the University annually that they are in compliance with this policy

OR

Require Greek chapters to conduct random drug testing and provide the University with full access to results upon request

Rob stated drugs impact a number of people on campus and across LSU and this is a major health and safety issue at LSU. He stated the previous recommendations of asking Greek chapters to conduct random drug testing appears unfair as it is not for all students and another option is requiring the chapter to comply with a drug-free policy. Rob further commented that he and BJ have spoken about individual chapters wanting to drug testing on their own within their own policies and this makes sense for those who want to. Rob stated we have to look at if LSU can help facilitate that through one vendor. He noted that we know athletics has a process and they could certainly help even though their testing would be processed differently. The other challenge is you have to consider HIPAA law and confidentiality. Verge mentioned Athletics does it because they have to sign to agree to play. Jason wanted to clarify that we will not be recommending mandatory drug testing for Greek chapters. Rob stated that is what is on the table that we could require it but the more preferred approach is a drug free policy compliance and if the chapter wants to do the testing they are free to do so. Jason replied he agrees to the second point. BJ said if LSU could assist with finding a vendor and the process this would encourage chapters to participate in and have that confidentiality. Mari agreed on chapter testing at the chapter level because they can do care and concern and the University wants to know the houses are drug free and hold organizations accountable for that. Rob remarked a subset to option one is LSU help facilitate a vendor to help chapters do drug testing but the chapter does it on their level and not the University level. Verge asked how would we enforce the tests, and we will have issues with prescription drugs on tests so we have to know who would monitor the process. Rob replied right now we are not requiring so if Kappa Sigma wants to do it, it is up to them but the University could help facilitate and the results would go to the fraternities. Mari commented the most appropriate office is the Student Health Center because they have the means and staff. She stated that we have access to educators and professionals that could help. Jason asked if chapters would be selective in testing themselves and would this information be private to the chapter. Mari replied we don't want to see individual results but we would want to see strategies chapters are taking to help be drug-free. Jason asked if we do the NIC pilot we are sticking to the drug free policy. Mari replied yes that is a requirement for the NIC proposal. Rob summarized that everyone is comfortable with option one for moving forward.

IV. Adjournment

Upon motion of Madison, seconded by Verge the meeting was adjourned.