Greek Standards & Accreditation

Following the hazing death of Maxwell Gruver on September 14, 2017, the Greek Life Task Force and Implementation Committee established a Greek Standards & Accreditation process in June 2018, “Standards for Success.” Chapters that meet the standards in all three (3) areas: Academics, Operations, and Education, will be designated as Accredited. Chapters that fail to achieve Accreditation will have 30 days to address deficiencies (if applicable). Failure to achieve Accreditation will result in the chapter being placed on Conditional Status for the following calendar year. All social Greek-letter organizations must adhere to the process to be registered student organizations at LSU.

Statuses

- Accredited: Greek organizations that achieve the standards in all four areas will have all the rights and responsibilities of a student organization.

- Conditional: Greek organizations that fail to achieve the standards will be registered with the University with limited rights and responsibilities of a student organization. A chapter shall only be eligible to sponsor approved programs and activities that support the recruitment/intake efforts of the organization. All requests must be approved prior to any programs or activities, according to Greek Life office policy. All other on-campus and off-campus events will not be permitted. In the event a chapter on Conditional Status does not achieve Accreditation the following calendar year, chapter registration will be rescinded.

- Not Accredited: Greek organizations that fail to come off conditional status in the specified window will have the registration rescinded. Student organizations on “Not Accredited” status are removed from all registered student organization lists and are not permitted to utilize any of the benefits of being an active student organization such as: participating in other student organization events, hosting events, fundraising, seeking funding from campus entities, reserving rooms or services and enjoying other benefits of being a registered as a student organization.
Failure to comply with these policies could result in a violation and may be referred to Student Advocacy and Accountability.

**General Liability Insurance**

- Housed organizations shall follow the provisions of PM 68.
- Unhoused Organizations

1. The organization must show proof of General Liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage with a minimum of $1,000,000 in Combined Single Limit. The General Liability insurance must include Host Liquor Liability. The General Liability insurance policy must name LSU as an additional insured and the certificate must state that the insurance coverage is primary over other collectible insurance.

**Events**

- **Event Approval**
  - Student organizations must register all meetings on-campus and events (including classroom space requests and fundraisers) 10 business days prior to the event.
  - Chapter Advisors must approve the on-campus event registrations before Greek Life will review and approve.
  - Organizations must communicate to LSU PD large-scale, on campus events that invite non-members via email to lsupdevents@lsu.edu. The email should include, date, time, place, anticipated attendance.
  - Greek Life will approve events with alcohol at least three days in advance but only after the chapter advisor, LSUPD, Alcohol Beverage Control, and vendor have approved the registration form.

Events will only be approved if:

- Greek related forms/requirements (PM-68, roster updates, chapter advisor, intake forms, Standards for Success & Accreditation items, Council items, financial obligations, etc.) have been completed.
- Registration of organization on Tigerlink.
- Respective Council requirements (dues and in good standing).
- In good standing with the University Bursars’ Office.
- Items are submitted as a result of conduct outcomes.

- **Philanthropy Events/Service Projects**
  - IFC and PHC share a calendar with philanthropy dates based on approval
  - Only one sorority and one fraternity will occupy each date.
  - If a chapter would like to host an event on an occupied date, the president must request permission from the president(s) with the secured date. If approved, the president must send an email to the respective Council advisor confirming consent.
  - NPHC organizations shall abide by the *NPHC Calendar Agreement.*
  - Panhellenic/IFC groups abide by the LSU Panhellenic/IFC Philanthropy resolution.
Chapter Operations

- Chapter Officer Elections and Transitions: All elected and appointed chapter officers/positions are strongly encouraged to be installed by January 1 in order to participate in chapter officer trainings facilitated by the Greek Life office in January/February.

- Membership Roster Additions/Deletions
  - Chapters are responsible for maintaining an accurate roster. The president and/or his/her designee may not edit the roster during the final examination period. Additions may be made using the Grade Release form. Deletions may be made under the following conditions.
    - Member/new member is no longer an LSU student.
    - Member/new member has been separated from the chapter. If deemed necessary, this will be verified by the chapter advisor and/or the local or inter/national organization.
    - Member/new member has graduated from the University.

Membership Recruitment/Intake

- For chapters that participate in recruitment
  - To support students’ academic success, all pledging, initiation meetings, activities and ceremonies will cease from the day before Thanksgiving through the first week prior to the spring semester.
  - For the spring semester, all activities and ceremonies must cease prior to April 24, through the last day of finals.
  - Recognizing that some inter/national organizations require the first semester GPA in order to initiate, an “exception letter” must be submitted to Greek Life to allow activities during this time.
    - Letters shall be received no later than October 1, and March 1, each year from the inter/headquarters requesting an exemption for the respective semester.

- For chapters that participate in Intake (MIP)
  - To support students’ academic and leadership success as a chapter, the chapter must conduct membership intake and initiation at minimum every three semesters but may conduct intake more frequently if desired.
  - The three-semester time line begins the semester following successful initiation of a pledge class, line, etc. and will conclude by the end of the third semester.
  - Failure to follow this Intake schedule will result in the organization being placed on an Interim Suspension of Activities (ISA). (ISA may only last through the end of that semester). Recognizing that circumstances may prevent a chapter from adhering to the policy, the following will be taken into consideration:
• The inter/national organization and/or regional director declares intake moratorium.
• The inter/national organization or regional director fails to approve intake for reasons that do not include a moratorium.
• A chapter may provide documentation to the Greek Life office requesting a review of the chapter’s status as a result of the policy violation.

• NPHC & PHC Membership Intake Process (MIP) and New Member Presentation

  • Membership Intake Process/New Member Presentation policies will be followed in accordance with Greek Life Membership Intake policies.

New Member(s)/Education

• New Member Education plans, no longer than 8 weeks for IFC chapters, (including specific activities planned, intended outcomes, and schedule/program length) must be certified by the chapter president, new member educator, advisory board chair and approved by the International Headquarters or representative each semester new members are recruited/brought into the chapter. All revisions, including, but not limited to, dates, activities, and advisors to be present, must be approved accordingly.
• Submission and review timeline shall be set by the Greek Life Office. Official notice will be given to chapter by Greek Life upon successful submission of the new member education plan. New member education programs may not commence prior to official notice.
• New member education activities should not occur during mid-term or final examination periods.
• A chapter advisor must attend all new member meetings,
• The IFC/PHC new member education process may begin 7 days following official bid day.
• All new members must receive a calendar listing all meetings, events, activities, and due dates to include dates, times, location, and a description, within the first week of new member education period.

Greek Life/Campus Life Organizational Statuses

• LSU Campus Life uses different terminology for the status of student organizations.
• Student organizations at LSU fall into one of the following categories
  
  • Active: Registered student organizations must be LSU students and have at least five members. Greek Organizations with less than five members will be on Transitional status.

  • Transitional: Greek Life and Campus Life will place Greek organizations with less than five members on a transitional status. The organization is not registered with the University and will not receive the rights and responsibilities of a student organization. As a result, a member of the Greek Life staff must register organization events under Greek Life. A chapter on this status is only eligible to sponsor approved programs and activities that support the recruitment/intake efforts of the organization. All forms must be approved prior to any programs or activities, according to Greek Life policy. All other on-campus and off-campus events will not be permitted. During this status, the organization is not
responsible for meeting the Standards & Accreditation process or the requirements of their respective councils, but may attend council meetings and intake/recruitment related events to remain informed and to promote the organization. An organization in transitional status for more than three consecutive semesters will be considered inactive and will need to begin the student organization registration process with Campus Life upon meeting the University’s minimum requirements.

- **Inactive**: Registered Greek organizations that fail to initiate new members or come off transitional status in the specified window will become inactive. Student organizations on inactive status are removed from all registered student organization lists and are not permitted to utilize any benefits of being an active student organization such as participating in other student organization events, hosting events, fundraising, seeking funding from campus entities, reserving rooms or services and enjoying other benefits of being recognized as a student organization at LSU. Inactive organizations can become active again by contacting Campus Life upon meeting the University’s minimum requirements.

**Expansion/Extension of New Greek Organizations**
- New/Returning Fraternity and Sorority Expansion/Re-Organization/Re-Chartering/Re-Activation Policy must be followed.

**IFC/NPHC/PHC/GBOD Executive Board Member Conference Agreement**
- Students traveling on behalf of their respective leadership positions to conferences, meetings, etc must abide by the Greek Life Expectations Agreement.

**Reminders:**
Per Campus Life guidelines for registered student organizations, only LSU students may be members of LSU student organizations.