

# Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs

## Subchapter 2.3 Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

### Subchapter 2.3-100. General Provisions

#### Sec. 2.3-101. Purpose

a. Fraternities and sororities are organizations founded on Christian-Judeo principles to promote service, foster academic success, facilitate friendships, and develop leaders. They are designed to create a more intimate environment for their members that will be conducive to establishing friendships and easing students' transition to the University.

#### Sec. 2.3-102. Definitions

a. In this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning,

1. "University" means The University of Texas at Tyler;
2. "Student" means a person currently enrolled in residence at the university, or who is accepted for admission or readmission to the university, or who has been enrolled at the university in a prior semester or summer session and is eligible to continue enrollment in the semester or summer session that immediately follows, or who is attending an educational program sponsored by the university while that person is on campus;

### Subchapter 2.3-200. Administration

#### Sec. 2.3-201. Advisors

a. Each chapter must select a minimum of two advisors. At least one of the two advisors must be a member of the University staff or faculty, though that person need not be a member of the organization he/she advises. Unaffiliated advisors need not be a part of private/ritual events; however, the chapter may choose to invite these individuals to be initiated as honorary or alumni/alumnae members.

b. All advisors must be at least three years removed from their undergraduate graduation and they must live within 60 miles of the Tyler campus. The Office of Student Life and Leadership must approve exceptions.

c. All advisor information will be included on the Fraternity/Sorority Registration Form.

d. All advisors will be expected to attend one advisor meeting/training session with student affairs representatives at UT Tyler once a semester. The dates and times of these meetings will be established by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year so that all advisors may plan accordingly.

e. The University will assist chapters in identifying advisors, particularly among the faculty and staff. A list will be maintained in the Office of Student Life and Leadership to identify faculty and staff members who are affiliated with Greek-letter organizations.

#### Sec. 2.3-202. Affiliation with non-UT Tyler fraternities and sororities

a. UT Tyler will not endorse a student to participate as a member of a fraternity or sorority chapter on another campus, regardless of whether that organization has a chapter at UT Tyler. If a student is interested in starting a particular fraternity or sorority, he/she should contact the Student Development Specialist working with fraternities and sororities to learn about the process to begin a Greek-lettered organization on campus.

#### Sec. 2.3-203. Auxiliary groups

a. Fraternity-chapter women's auxiliary groups and sorority-chapter men's auxiliary groups will not be recognized under any circumstances. Association with an auxiliary group is immediate

cause for a chapter to appear before their council's judicial board and could result in disciplinary action.

**Sec. 2.3-204. Chapter roster**

a. Every member of a chapter should have a signed Educational Record Release on file with the Office of Student Life and Leadership. This should be completed and submitted within 72 hours of a new member accepting a bid. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. Each chapter president is expected to maintain an updated roster of his/her members with the Office of Student Life and Leadership. These updates will be accepted through the final class day of each semester. Semester grade calculations will be made based on the roster of each chapter on the last class day of the semester.

**Sec. 2.3-205. Registration and recognition**

a. Each fraternity and sorority is expected to register with the University through the Office of Student Life and Leadership, as does every student organization each semester. This should be completed by the designated deadline each fall and spring semester.

In addition, the chapter should complete a Fraternity/Sorority Chapter Registration Form that provides additional details. This form will be provided by the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

It should be noted that the University will only recognize those Greek-lettered organizations that are members of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), or the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) *and* that have gone through the appropriate governing council's expansion process. The University supports expansion and growth of fraternities and sororities; however, it also appreciates a structured and healthy growth of the community that will allow for the best support of new and existing chapters.

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