

Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs

Subchapter 2.3 Greek Life

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.
3. "Greek Advisor" refers to the staff member in the Department of Student Life and Leadership whose job description includes coordinating the Office of Greek Life.

Subchapter 2.3-200. Administration

Sec. 2.3-201. Advisors

a. Each chapter must select a minimum of two advisors chosen at the discretion of the organization. In accordance with the policies set forth for student organization registration in MOPP subchapter 2.7, 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 Department of Student Life and Leadership must approve exceptions.

c. All advisor information will be included on the Student Organization Registration Form filed through the Department of Student Life and Leadership annually and updated as necessary through the Greek Advisor.

d. All advisors will be expected to communicate effectively with the leadership of the student organization as well as with the Greek Advisor. They are expected to be familiar with Inter-National policies and procedures of their organization and their council.

e. The University will assist chapters in identifying advisors, particularly among the faculty and staff, though the responsibility of securing advisors that meet the criteria falls upon that individual organization. A list will be maintained in the Department 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 Greek Advisor 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 Department 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 Department of Student Life and Leadership per student organization registration guidelines as well as maintain a current roster through the Office of Greek Life. The deadline for submitting these rosters will be designated by the Department of Student Life and Leadership as well as through the Office of Greek Life. Semester grade calculations will be made based on the roster of each chapter on the listed census day during each long semester and including any additional members attained after that date.

b. Active membership in a fraternity or sorority recognized through the Office of Greek Life is limited to those students that are currently enrolled in classes at the university.

Sec. 2.3-205. Registration and recognition

a. Each fraternity and sorority is expected to register with the University through the Department 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 provide any additional details as requested by the Office of Greek Life in a timely manner.

b. It should be noted that the Office of Greek Life will only recognize single-sex Greek-lettered organizations/fraternities and sororities as recognized by Title IX criteria and not formed or operating for professional or honorary purposes 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), or another approved National affiliation that associates with and becomes a member of one of the recognized governing councils of these National organizations at the University, *and* that have gone through the appropriate governing council's expansion/extension 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.

c. If an organization loses recognition by either entity (the corresponding governing council or the University) for any reason, the organization will become inactive for the time period as determined by the University and/or the governing council. Inactive organizations will be subject to a loss of privileges awarded to active student organizations provided by the University specified in MOPP subchapter 2.7. Once the specified time period has passed, an organization shall petition the University and the appropriate governing council for re-admission and recognition provided University requirements are met through the chief student affairs officer.

Sec. 2.3-206. Hazing

a. Hazing with or without the consent of a student inflicting the hazing or the person submitting to the hazing is not permitted and subject to immediate discipline. In addition, as a part of the registration process each semester, each organization must sign a written statement acknowledging that the organization does not engage in hazing activities which may be dangerous, harmful, or degrading to the student.

b. For enhanced penalties for disciplinary offenses related to hazing, see MOPP chapter 8, section 8-804(a).