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Purpose

We are committed to fostering a vibrant fraternity and sorority composed of organizations that are dedicated to upholding the values of Southern Illinois University, inter/national headquarters, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and respective councils. These organizations must seek to foster spaces of belonging, knowledge, responsibility, unity, and action.

Southern Illinois University's fraternity and sorority community is composed of four councils: The Interfraternity Council (IFC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). In conjunction with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Southern Illinois University recognizes that organization growth is a valuable factor in the continued health and success of Fraternity and Sorority Life and therefore seeks to consider expansion of this community as an important component for furthering its advancement.

Any social sorority or fraternity wishing to start a colony or new chapter at Southern Illinois University will follow this policy and timeline. There must be substantial evidence of the ability of the proposed organization to positively contribute to our FSL community. For this reason, this expansion policy will be a guiding process for any social sorority or fraternity wishing for recognition within the community.

Timeline

New Organizations

Fall Expansion	
Letter of Interest and Application due to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.	February 1
Application reviewed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL), the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), the respective council, and the Division of Student Affairs.	March
Decision communicated by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to organization seeking expansion.	April
Expansion begins.	Fall Semester
Spring Expansion	
Letter of Interest and Application due to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.	September 1
Application reviewed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL), the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), the respective council, and the Division of Student Affairs.	October
Decision communicated by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to organization seeking expansion.	November
Expansion begins.	Spring Semester

Returning Organizations

Returning organizations must meet with FSL at least six months prior to anticipated return. The timeline and process of approvals for new organizations does not apply to returning organizations. A timeline and process will be established during the preliminary meeting.

Application requirements are still expected to be met by returning organizations. Returning organizations with cases involving Community Accountability are required to fulfill all sanctions and agreements before being considered for re-establishment and are not guaranteed re-establishment.

Unrecognized Organizations

Organizations that actively recruit for membership, promote the organization, and/or charter outside of the recognition of the respective council, FSL, and/or the University, will be in violation of the Expansion Policy and will not be able to request recognition at the University for four (4) years.

Process

1. Preliminary Meeting

FSL will meet with representatives from the inter/national organization, and student(s) if applicable, to establish communication and gain insight into the desire for expansion at Southern Illinois University.

2. Submit a formal letter of interest and application

The student, group of students, or inter/national organization interested in starting a social sorority or fraternity at Southern Illinois University will complete a formal letter of interest accompanied by the application which should include, but is not limited to, the items listed under [“Criteria and Application.”](#) The letter should be written by the respective national office. This letter cannot be written by a student or graduate/alumni chapter. These items will be submitted to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

A student or group of students seeking to establish a new organization must be in contact with the inter/national organization prior to submitting a letter of interest and application.

3. Present Expansion

FSL and one representative from the respective council, CPA, MGC, NPHC, or IFC, will meet with representatives from the inter/national organization, and student(s) if applicable, to discuss expansion practices, the application, and next steps.

4. Expansion Review

FSL, OSE, USG, and the Division of Student Affairs will meet to review the letter of interest, application, and additional information provided. This group will determine if the University and the fraternity and sorority community would benefit from the establishment of the new or returning organization.

5. Council Review

The respective council will discuss the desire and benefits for receiving a new organization. The council will submit a formal letter to FSL welcoming the new organization for expansion.

6. Decision Notification

For approved applications, FSL will send an official letter notifying the inter/national organization of the community's decision and extend their invitation for expansion. This decision will be accompanied by additional tasks to be completed by chapter advisors and new members.

For other applications, FSL will contact the inter/national organization to inform them of their decision to halt expansion of this organization at Southern Illinois University. This letter may include reasons for the decision including but not limited to missing application components, adjusted timeline, or unresolved Community Accountability sanctions.

7. Advisor Training

Upon approval of organization expansion, Chapter advisors will be required to complete advisor training provided by FSL and OSE and to go over University, FSL, and OSE policies.

8. Expansion Begins

Once approved and notified, the inter/national organization will work with FSL to begin expansion efforts in a way that aligns with University policies and protocols. Programming may not proceed until all dates and activity have been approved by FSL.

Criteria and Application

Formal Letter of Interest

A formal letter of interest must be submitted to FSL and should include, but not limited to;

- Statement of interest outlining the need and desire for the organization to join the campus community.
- Indication of the council in which the organization is affiliated with (IFC, NPHC, MGC, NPC).

Application for New Organizations

- Requirements and process for starting a new organization.
- Recruitment/intake and expansion philosophy.
- Detailed schedule and timeline of expansion procedures provided by the organization.
- Commitment letter from staff and/or volunteers to support the organization.
- Current number of full-time SIU students with Dawgtags (student ID #) interested in the organization (if applicable).
- Identified names of staff and volunteers that will be assisting in the expansion with a timeline of on-campus assistance.
- Description of the success and status of the last five (5) chartered organizations.
- Organization contact information.
- List of active alumni chapter in the greater Carbondale area.
- List of any SIU faculty/staff that are alumni.
- New Member Education programming
- Healthy and Safety programming and initiatives
- Advisor(y) board structure
- Conferences offered and required to undergraduate members.
- List and description of all other policies, procedures, and programs (academic, hazing, judicial, intake/recruitment, officer training, scholarships, etc.)
- Proof of General Liability and General Aggregate Insurance
- If a returning organization, a letter from the inter/national organization with a plan of action to prevent the same actions from occurring, if applicable.

Additional Requirements

Complete advisor training with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Office of Student Engagement, and acknowledge University, FSL, and OSE policies.

Organizations must be chartered no later than two years after the original date of approval.

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