

Pace University: Greek Life Relationship Statement

Whereas, Fraternities/Sororities have been closely identified with the purposes of American higher education since the first students at the College of William and Mary met to form Phi Beta Kappa in 1776.

Whereas, These students were motivated by the commonly expressed need for belonging—to encourage scholarship, to emulate high purpose, to discuss the great intellectual, social, and political concerns, and to share in literary presentations and debates on the great moral issues of the day.

Whereas, Fraternities/Sororities were always associated with the host college or university, and served to espouse the purposes and missions of their respective institution of learning.

Whereas, Host institutions which have made the decision to foster and encourage fraternity/sorority experience as one option of leadership training and educational experience for their students, have affirmed the values which can accrue to the individual students and benefit the varied communities of the host institution.

Whereas, Loyalty to alma mater, fraternity/sorority member's persistence to graduation, and more concerned involvement with the welfare of the college and university are documented advantages and benefits for colleges and universities in making the decision to encourage and support fraternity/sorority chapters.

Whereas, The administration, faculty, community, alumni undergraduates, general fraternity/sorority volunteers, and general fraternity/sorority national/international professional staff members seek shared partnership for the perpetuation of excellence in college and university fraternal organizations.

Now, therefore be it resolved, That the following obligations and statements be recognized as a guide, a vision, a prospectus for the successful relationship of fraternities and sororities at Pace University Pleasantville.

I. Obligations of the University

A. General Obligations

- a. The University will employ staff personnel to advise members, chapters, councils, and oversee the development of policies related to fraternities/sororities.
- b. The University will provide adequate use of its facilities to all chapters and councils.
- c. The University, in conjunction with the appropriate governing body (Greek Council, IFC, UPC, NPHC, and NALFO); depending upon campus shall set standards and criteria for the expansion of the Greek Life. These standards and criteria will not unreasonably restrict the right of an organization to exist on this campus.

- d. The University will no longer allow the chartering of local or city-wide Greek organizations. Local chapters suspended from the University must affiliate with a National organization upon return to the University.
- e. The University will not permit students to join fraternities across University campuses. In others words, in order for students to join a chapter on the Pleasantville campus, they must be a registered Pleasantville student, not a registered New York student. Additionally, a chapter's national charter may be only on ONE University campus.

B. Obligations to Greek Alumni, Active Members, & New Members

- a. The University will aid in the recruitment of chapter advisors and provide training sessions at least four times per calendar year.
- b. Student Development and Campus Activities in conjunction with other University offices will work to maintain a comprehensive list of Greek alumni.
- c. The University will recognize alumni/ae and individual members' success in living the values of their Greek community at annual Pace Pride Awards.
- d. The University will establish & maintain positive & professional relationships with chapter leadership.
- e. The University will maintain rosters of active and new members in order to track individual members' academic information, campus and service involvement.

C. Obligations regarding Recruitment/Intake & New Member Education

- a. The University will facilitate the coordination of recruitment.
- b. The University will plan, facilitate, and implement a Greek Life recruitment marketing plan.
- c. The University will provide training, resources, and an anti-hazing workshop for New Member Educators and Risk Management Officers.
- d. The University shall set in place and enforce regulations and policies concerning New Member Education.

D. Obligations for Values Integration

- a. The University will promote at least two student leadership development retreats for Greek Students per calendar year.
- b. The University will provide leadership opportunities and advisement of student-led committees (e.g. New Member Retreat, Greek Week)
- c. The University will provide leadership development opportunities for governing council officers
- d. The University will coordinate or sponsor at least two (2) community wide service or philanthropic events per calendar year.
- e. The University will provide training for scholarship chairs in collaboration with other University offices.
- f. The University will charter and promote Greek honor societies: Gamma Sigma Alpha & the Order of Omega.

- g. The University will provide opportunities for individual members of the Greek community to foster relationships with members from other chapters and councils

II. Obligations of Individual Chapters

A. General Obligations

- a. Individual chapters are expected to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and university policies, as well as all policies and laws of their respective national/international governing body and the laws and policies of their respective governing council.
- b. Individual chapters are expected to conduct their affairs in accordance with the mission and purpose of Pace University Pleasantville, the Office of Student Development & Campus Activities, Student Development and Campus Activities, and their respective national/international organizations.
- c. Individual chapters should only initiate Pace students who hold at least a 2.5 GPA. First year, first semester may not join a chapter at Pace University.
- d. Individual chapter should update their Orgsync page on a semester basis.
- e. Individual chapters are expected to submit a revised constitution to the University on a semester basis.
- f. Individual chapters are expected to submit a copy of the chapter's charter to the University.
- g. Individual chapters are expected to submit an updated roster including members from other campuses (i.e. City-wide charters) at the beginning of each semester.
- h. Individual chapters are expected to submit a log of philanthropy and service efforts on a monthly basis.
- i. Individual chapters are expected to hold an insurance policy valued at one million dollars.
- j. Individual chapters shall have at least two advisors, one faculty/staff member at the University and one that is an alumni/ae member
- k. Individual chapters, in accordance with University policy, shall not discriminate based on race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or ability in membership selection. Multicultural diversity is to be appreciated, encouraged, and embraced among all chapters.

B. Obligations for Active Members & New Members

- a. Each chapter must have at least 6 full-time, undergraduate Pleasantville students each semester.
- b. All members shall maintain financial good standing with their chapter.

- c. Members will maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- d. Members must complete a minimum of 5 community service hours per semester.
- e. Members must attend all programs & meetings sponsored by Student Development and Campus Activities and those made mandatory by their governing council – education speakers, training sessions, retreats etc.
- f. All members must follow all University policies as well as all state and local laws.

C. Obligations Regarding Recruitment/Intake & New Member Education

- a. Individual chapters must maintain at least a 2.75 GPA in their previous semester to conduct new member education.
- b. Individual chapters are strongly encouraged to hold intake/new member education at least once within the calendar year.
- c. New Member educators or any members overseeing New Member Education must attend a mandatory session with STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES.
- d. Individual chapters must send new members to meetings with STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES held at the beginning and end of each semester.
- e. All Intake & New Member Education programs will prescribe to University Guiding Principles as well as state and local laws.
- f. All Intake & New Member Education programs will prescribe to the University's New Member Education policies.
- g. Individual chapters will participate in Office & Council sponsored recruitment efforts.

D. Obligations for Values Integration

- a. Individual chapters are expected to develop scholarship programs, appoint or elect a scholarship chairperson and actively support academic excellence among its members.
- b. Individual chapters shall encourage and support members to be involved not only in Greek leadership positions, but leadership positions on other campus organizations and student bodies of Pace University Pleasantville.
- c. Individual chapters shall encourage and support leadership training programs through their own regional or national/international organizations (if applicable) and on-campus workshops sponsored by other organizations of the administration.
- d. Individual chapters shall develop at least one program of philanthropic activities that include service to the university, the community, and the general public per calendar year.

- e. Individual chapters shall elect at least one officer whose primary focus is to help the chapter and their individual members with academics and scholastic achievement.
- f. Individual chapters shall address risk management issues with all members at least once a semester.
- g. Individual chapters shall co-sponsor at least one event per semester with another Greek AND/OR Non-Greek organization.
- h. Individual chapters shall sponsor at least one event per semester with a faculty member on campus.
- i. Individual chapters shall sponsor at least one event on campus per semester during the weekend.

III. Obligations of Governing Councils

- a. The University recognizes the respective governing councils; Interfraternity Council, University Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, as the governing bodies for Greek Life. The power and authority of these councils are outlined in their respective constitutions and by-laws.
- b. The governing councils shall provide services to its member chapters as decided by its directors and officers in accordance with their governing documents.
- c. The governing councils shall strive to act as a resource organization for its member chapters of fraternity/sorority life and community stewardship.
- d. The governing councils shall strive to work with the administration of Pace University in aiding and fulfilling its mission and values.
- e. The governing councils shall enact any programming requirements as supported by the University.
- f. The governing councils will abide by all University policies and procedures.
- g. The governing councils shall be responsible for sending a representative to any required SGA meetings.
- h. The governing councils shall upload weekly minutes and updated constitutions into OrgSync.

IV. Obligations of Chapter Advisors

- a. Chapter advisors shall be aware of, and conversant in, the University's policies regarding the Greek community and equally knowledgeable of the chapter's constitution.
- b. Chapter advisors shall regularly attend and/or follow up to chapter meetings and be aware of the chapter's functions, activities, and regular operations.

- c. The on-campus chapter advisor will work with scholarship officers to implement a comprehensive scholarship plan and a learning environment that supports academic success.
- d. Chapter advisors shall help with facilitating the chapter's progress towards the vision and objectives of Greek Life Strategic Plan.
- e. Chapter advisors shall attend two advisor development meetings per semester.

V. Obligations of the National/International Headquarters

- a. The national/international organization of each Greek organization will assist its chapter in complying with this resolution and communicate any and all objections formally in writing directly to Student Development and Campus Activities.
- b. The national/international organization shall communicate with Student Development and Campus Activities in a reciprocal partnership for the betterment of their chapter.
- c. The national/international organization will monitor its chapter's adherence to the National/International Constitution and Bylaws.
- d. The national/international organization will assist the University community in resolving conduct/performance problems involving their chapters at Pace University.

VI. Amendments to this Document

- a. At a minimum, both Student Development and Campus Activities & students at Pace University shall be involved in the amendment process.
- b. A committee shall be formed by Student Development and Campus Activities once a year to discuss any necessary amendments.