

Fraternity and Sorority Policy

I. Introduction

A. Loyola Marymount University recognizes that fraternities and sororities of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the National PanHellenic Conference (NPHC), the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA) and other Greek Organizations which meet the LMU criteria for registration, make significant contributions to the quality of student life. Their relationship with the University is based on trust, collaboration, cooperation and the mutual benefits that both the University and the Greek community enjoy.

B. Greek organizations enhance participation in the cultural, academic, social and spiritual life of LMU. The individual and group performance of members of Greek organizations should always uphold those values stated in the chapters' constitutions and/or by-laws. By virtue of the University's approval of each organization's stated principles and ideals, the University expects that the goals of Greek organizations will be compatible with the goals and mission of the LMU community. Therefore, the University will hold each organization to the standards set forth by their national organizations in areas including but not limited to academics, programming, risk management, member education and service.

C. Loyola Marymount University reserves the right to only register fraternity and sorority chapters that are chartered solely at the University. The University relinquishes any responsibility for events and activities/circumstances and/or ramifications whereby students are involved in activities via affiliation with other fraternal organizations not registered with the University.

D. As stated in the University goals, the ultimate objective of the University experience, both in and outside of the classroom, is to educate and develop mature, responsible members of the community. LMU recognizes that each chapter's values and founding principles are congruent with these goals. Because of the importance to their own members, Greek organizations have certain rights and responsibilities within this community.

II. Rights

Greek Organizations may:

- A. Choose their own members
- B. Receive all benefits afforded to registered student organizations
- C. Participate as a unit in campus group activities

- D. Request student activity fee funding through ASLMU
- E. Receive assistance from a University advisor who will assist them with chapter development and serve as a liaison among constituencies
- F. Participate in self-governing activities through the LMU Greek Council
- G. Provide the opportunity for the participation in educational experiences

III. Responsibilities

Greek Organizations must:

- A. Must adhere to local, state and federal laws, University policies and regulations of their sponsoring Inter/national Organization
- B. Remain in good standing with their sponsoring Inter/national Organization and the University
- C. Obtain and maintain a proper tax-identification number under the Internal Revenue Code as a not-for-profit, social fraternity or sorority. Organizations that have this IRS designation are legally entitled to single sex membership based on Section 86.14 of the regulations announced under Title IX of the U.S. Education Act Amendments of 1972
- D. Submit a certificate of insurance each year upon policy renewal documenting comprehensive insurance coverage, naming LMU as additional insured with limits approved by the University, and including host liquor liability
- E. Meet and maintain the minimum standards necessary for Greek organization registration at the University
- F. Complete the annual Chapter Standards of Excellence process, which also serves as the annual student organization re-registration, and all requested information in a timely manner
- G. Maintain the current minimum standards as stated in the Chapter Standards of Excellence
- H. Require that all new members have completed 12 academic units and earned a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in order to join the organization
- I. Update Membership Rosters each academic term with all new and active members, as instructed by Student Leadership and Development
- J. Actively participate in the LMU Greek Council, the Greek governing organization at LMU
- K. Actively participate in programs sponsored by LMU Greek Council and Student Leadership and Development

L. Foster an atmosphere within the chapter that is supportive of high academic standards and maintain a chapter GPA equal to or above the respective All Men's or All Women's GPA each term

M. Require that all members of the organization are matriculated students of the University and remain in good standing with the University

N. Contribute positively to the LMU Greek community through programming, interfraternal relationships, service and philanthropic endeavors and educational opportunities for members

O. Have a LMU faculty or staff member serve as an oncampus advisor

P. Have an offcampus advisor appointed by the Inter/National or Regional organization

Q. Maintain positive community relations

R. Implement an internal judicial system

IV. Chapter Standards of Excellence

A. The Chapter Standards of Excellence program serves to encourage each chapter in the LMU Greek Community to function at the most effective and efficient level possible. In this encouragement, the program also aids in providing the best possible experience for individual members.

B. The Chapter Standards of Excellence program assesses chapters based on a set of minimum standards. This assessment process is designed to assist the chapter leadership, inter/national or regional organization and Student Leadership & Development in supporting each individual chapter's further development. It also serves as the basis by which Student Leadership & Development will award and recognize chapter excellence and contributions to the Greek Community.

C. Chapters must complete the Chapter Standards of Excellence process by the specified due date and maintain the current minimum standards as stated in the process.

D. Failure to meet the minimum standards set forth in the Chapter Standards of Excellence for two (2) consecutive years or failure to complete the process any one year will initiate disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Organization and University Program Policies and Procedures manual.

V. Governance Structure

The LMU Greek Council shall officially represent and govern all registered fraternities and sororities. The LMU Greek Council shall be composed of one voting representative from each registered fraternity and sorority, as well as the executive officers.

VI. Expansion Philosophy

A. As a private institution, Loyola Marymount University chooses to intentionally and carefully manage the growth and expansion of Greek organizations. LMU seeks organizations that espouse ideals consistent with those of the University and that are willing to commit the human and financial resources necessary to assure achievement of those ideals. The University's overall objective is to select organizations that will positively contribute to the overall undergraduate experience and enhance the campus community.

B. The process to register additional fraternities and sororities at LMU will always be initiated and conducted by Student Leadership & Development. Student Leadership & Development's determination of readiness for expansion will be based on size and viability of the current Greek community, the availability of campus resources and personnel to support additional chapters, and the interest of unaffiliated students at LMU, in addition to interest from any national organizations.

VII. Expansion Process

When Student Leadership and Development determines that the campus is open for and able to support Greek organization expansion, the process outlined below will be followed.

A. Appropriate organizations with official letters of interest on file with Student Leadership and Development will be notified that LMU is open for expansion. Additional organizations will be informed if needed.

B. Interested organizations will be invited to submit proposals.

C. All organizations submitting proposals that meet the criteria for registration will be reviewed by an expansion committee established by Student Leadership and Development.

D. One or more prospective organizations may be selected to participate in a presentation process on campus.

E. Following the presentation process, the LMU Greek Council, the expansion committee and the NPC, NIC, NPHC, NALFO or NAPA chapters when appropriate, will submit their recommendations and/or endorsements to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.

F. An invitation for registration may be granted at the discretion of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.

VIII. Registration Criteria

In addition to the potential organization's willingness to adhere to the expectations listed in the Responsibility section, prior to beginning the presentation and approval process each Greek organization must provide evidence of the following:

A. A proper tax-identification number under the Internal Revenue Code as a not-for-profit social fraternity or sorority. Organizations that have this IRS designation are legally entitled to single sex membership based on 20 U.S.C. Section 1681(a)(6)(A) of the regulations announced under Title IX of the U.S. Education Act Amendments of 1972.

B. Ability to carry a current comprehensive insurance policy naming LMU as additional insured with limits approved by the University

IX. Policy Violations and Changes in University Registration Status

A. Alleged violations of Greek Council Constitution, By-Laws or Standing Rules shall be addressed by the processes outlined in those governing documents.

B. Violations of University policies referred to Judicial Affairs will be adjudicated by a judicial officer(s) or the Greek Hearing Board using the process outlined in the Student Conduct Code. Sanctions for organizational misconduct found through the judicial process may include revocation or denial of registration, as well as other appropriate sanctions, pursuant to Section V of the Student Conduct Code.