

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Greek Expansion Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of the Greek Expansion Policy is to establish guidelines for the addition of general fraternities and sororities on the UW-Whitewater campus. At times it may be necessary to add new Greek chapters for the purpose of encouraging positive growth in the Greek community.

Background:

In 1994 the Greek Commission established that from that point forward the granting of University Recognized Student Organization status be limited to inter/nationally-affiliated Greek organizations due to issues of liability, supervision and support. University Recognition status was continued for the local Greek chapters recognized in 1994, provided they continue to meet the requirements for University Recognition set forth by the University.

Procedures for Expansion:

Sorority Expansion for National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Sororities: Sorority expansion shall occur through a process as approved by the Panhellenic Council and the Leadership Center and shall follow the NPC guidelines.

Sorority Expansion for other National Sororities: Expansion for non-NPC affiliated sororities shall occur through the procedures outlined in this document.

Fraternity/Sorority Expansion for National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Chapters: Expansion for NPHC chapters can occur either: 1) through receiving a formal petition for recognition by a group of currently enrolled UW-Whitewater students, or 2) through reviewing a formal petition for re-recognition by a chapter formerly granted University Recognition status.

Fraternity Expansion for Nation Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and other National Fraternities: Fraternity expansion shall occur through the procedures outlined in this document and shall be consistent with the procedures of the NIC.

Methods for Expansion:

For all general Greek organizations, expansion can occur in one of the following two methods:

1. The Greek community and/or the University decides that expansion is desired, and the University invites national Greek organizations to participate in the Greek expansion process; or
2. A group of UW-Whitewater students request to establish a chapter (new or previously recognized) of a national Greek organization.

Expansion Committee:

The Expansion Committee shall make recommendations regarding the feasibility of expanding the Greek community, and shall decide which Greek organizations will be invited to campus to make presentations and make recommendations regarding which Greek organization(s) will be selected to colonize on campus.

Members of the Expansion Committee shall be appointed by the Leadership Center. A Leadership Center staff member shall serve as the chairperson of the Expansion Committee. Committee membership shall consist of: Faculty Advisor to a Greek chapter (1), Alumnae/I Advisor to a Greek chapter (1), Greek Chapter President (1), General Members of Greek Chapters (2), non-Greek student (1), and a Student Affairs staff member (1).

Duties:

1. Coordinate all expansion activities,
2. Make recommendations about whether or not there is a need to add additional Greek chapters on the UW-W campus, and
3. Provide on-going support to all new colonies.

Procedures for Expansion:

1. Determine whether or not there is a need in the Greek and University community for additional Greek chapters..
2. Determine number of national Greek organizations to be invited to colonize based on need and resources.
3. Contact national Greek organizations to invite them to participate in the expansion process. Provide the national Greek organizations with a history of the University and information about the UW-Whitewater Greek community.
4. Collect and review all materials submitted from interested national Greek organizations, and determine which organizations to invite to campus to make formal presentations to the committee and University administration.
5. Participate in the formal presentation process when national Greek organizations visit the campus.
6. Make recommendations to the Dean of Students regarding which national Greek organizations, if any, are to be invited to campus to colonize. The Dean of Students will have the final say in this matter.

Materials to be provided by National Greek Organization:

1. A written request expressing the desire to establish a chapter at UW-Whitewater, documenting support of the national Greek organization.
2. Alumnae/I information:
 - a. Total number of alumnae within a sixty mile radius of Whitewater and on a national basis,
 - b. List of alumnae/I who have indicated interest in working with the proposed chapter in an advisory capacity, and

- c. Nearest alumnae/I chapter.
3. A copy of the constitution of National Greek organization,
4. A copy of the following policies and educational programs:
 - a. Anti-Hazing Policy and enforcement guidelines,
 - b. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy and educational program,
 - c. Scholarship Policies and academic program,
 - d. Member Education Policy and educational program,
 - e. Recruitment Policy,
 - f. Leadership development and officer training programs, and
 - g. Other applicable educational programs.
5. A copy of the national quarterly magazine (if applicable),
6. A report describing the plan for housing, and related housing policy and procedure (if applicable),
7. Colonization procedure, timeline and standards for chartering a chapter,
8. NIC/NPC/NPHC membership,
9. Data about the national organization, to include:
 - a. Total number of chapters nationwide and distribution area,
 - b. Total number of chapters in Wisconsin and Illinois,
 - c. Total number of colonies during the last five years and where they were located,
 - d. Total number of initiated members,
 - e. Number of chapters lost in the past three years (where and when),
 - f. Average size of chapters, and
 - g. Percentage of new members initiated nationwide
10. Information regarding support from the national office:
 - a. Number of traveling consultants and description of the organization's consultant program,
 - b. Nearest region/province or other support person (paid or volunteer),
 - c. Description of national staff assistance to colonies and established chapters, and
 - d. Descriptions of conventions, leadership training and scholarships available.
11. A summary of the organizational structure of the fraternity both at the national and chapter levels.
12. Purpose and goals of national organization.

Expansion Criteria:

Consideration for expansion will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Fair consideration of all groups, including smaller organizations as well as those representing diverse populations,
2. Consistency with the educational mission of UW-Whitewater, and
3. Evaluation of the material submitted and determination of the ability of the national Greek organization to successfully implement their stated plan for colonization.

Colonization Procedure:

1. Representatives of the national Greek organization who are involved in the colonization process must work with the appropriate Leadership Center staff member and the Expansion Committee regarding all colonization plans and procedures,
2. The Expansion Committee will develop the guidelines and for national Greek organizations to follow when colonizing. These will be developed and communicated to representatives of the colonizing Greek organization prior to the start of the colonization process.

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