

UTA Greek Life

Fraternity and Sorority Expansion Policy

When it is determined that a new group is needed to strengthen the Greek community, the procedures outlined below will be followed. The purpose of these procedures is to ensure expansion of Greek letter organizations (fraternities and sororities) occurs in a manner which includes a carefully developed plan conducive to the educational mission of UTA and to provide specific guidance and support for new fraternities and sororities. This provides maximum opportunity for successful colonization and a meaningful and rewarding experience for the students within the Greek community.

All(Inter)National, men's and women's fraternities seeking to colonize/expand to the UTA campus after September 1, 2004 shall be required to follow the procedures set forth by this policy. All fraternities and sororities must be recognized by one of the four governing councils (IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC). UTA Greek Life will only grant recognition and consider (Inter)National fraternities or sororities. However, a local, regional, or start-up fraternity or sorority may be considered for admission. A local, regional, or start-up fraternity or sorority seeking admission and recognition are required to follow the procedures as set forth by this policy.

"Title IX" prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational institutions. For clarification regarding these federal regulations, consult the Office of Student Governance and Organizations. Please take special note of the following:

- All single-sex organizations/fraternities and sororities as recognized by Title IX criteria, and formed and operating not for professional or honorary purposes, must be a member of one of the four governing councils (IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC) and the UTA Greek Life Office to remain an active and registered UTA student organization.
- If an organization loses recognition by either entity (the corresponding governing council or the UTA Greek Life Office) for any reason, the organization will become inactive for the time period as determined by Greek Life and/or the governing council. Inactive organizations will not be allowed any privileges awarded to active student organizations provided by UTA. Once the specified time period has passed, an organization shall petition Greek Life and the appropriate governing council for re-admission and recognition provided university requirements are met through the Student Governance and Organizations Office.
- In the event an organization petitions Greek Life and the appropriate council and is denied admission or recognition, the organization may appeal the decision in writing within five class days to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Vice President for Student Affairs will have the final decision on the organization's admission or recognition and registration.

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I. Procedures for Expansion

Fraternity/sorority expansion for (Inter)National fraternities or sororities can occur in three ways:

1. Through a formal expansion plan approved by IFC, MGC, NPHC, PHC, the Assistant Director of Student Activities, or council advisor or
2. Through receiving a formal petition for recognition by an interest group, or
3. Through reviewing a formal petition for recognition by a group coming off a disciplinary loss of University recognition.

A. Procedures for formal expansion plan by the IFC, MGC, NPHC, OR PHC Executive Committee

1. Determine need for expansion
2. Council executive committee must first gain approval from the general body or the Assistant Director of Student Activities or council advisor to begin expansion.
3. Determine number of organizations to be involved in the expansion plan based on needs and resources. Consideration may be given to fraternities or sororities who previously had a chapter on UTA's campus.
4. The council executive committee must then review information and select no more than three groups, of the groups that applied, to be invited to make on-campus presentations. The committee will send out letters of inquiry to those organizations that have expressed prior interest in establishing a colony at UTA.
5. Fraternities or sororities making on-campus presentations will meet prior to the presentation to the council general body with the Assistant Director for Student Activities/council advisor and the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee to discuss expectations, policies and procedures, etc.
6. Following the presentations to the council general body, the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee will send evaluations to the Assistant Director of Student Activities or council advisor. IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC will provide a checklist of expectations to the chosen group.

7. Each governing council (IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC) will recognize no more than one group as colony within each respective council at any one time. Therefore, no council will be allowed to expand further until the colony has become a chartered chapter or has disbanded.

B. Procedures for Petitioning Groups

1. Prior to initiating contact with potential new student members, the Greek letter organization must gain approval from the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC exec council or the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor for expansion.
2. Submit information requested in Section II to the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor.
3. Schedule a meeting with the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor and the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee.
4. Schedule a presentation for the council general body. Each chapter president, chapter advisor and faculty/staff advisor will receive an invitation to attend the presentation. Chapters will be encouraged to send up to three (3) representatives not including the president and advisors to the meetings. Only those chapters sending at least two (2) of the same representatives to 75% of the presentations will be allowed to vote on allowing the organization to continue the colonization process.
5. Following the presentation, the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee will send evaluations to the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor. IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC will provide a checklist of expectations to the chosen group.
6. IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC will recognize no more than one group as a colony within each respective council at one time. Therefore, no council will be allowed to expand further until the colony has become a chartered chapter or has disbanded.

C. Procedures for a Group coming off disciplinary loss of University recognition

1. Meet with the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor to discuss possible re-colonization.
2. After duration of University loss of recognition, meet with the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee to discuss possible re-colonization and receive a list of criteria to be met to return to UTA as an active chapter. The criteria includes but not limited to: a new overall chapter advisor, no involvement from the members who were involved in the incident, and pay any money owed to UTA or council.
3. Submit information requested in Section II and C to the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor.
4. Schedule presentations and meetings with the Assistant Director of Student Activities/council advisor and the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee.
5. Following the presentation, the IFC, MGC, NPHC, OR PHC general body will vote if the organization has met the criteria set forth by the IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee. IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC executive committee will provide a checklist of expectations to the chosen group. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is needed for the organization to re-colonize.
6. IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC will recognize no more than one group as colony within each respective council at one time. Therefore, no council will be allowed to expand further until the colony has become a chartered chapter or has disbanded.

II. Materials to be included in the petition for colonization

1. Logistical Information
 - a. Name of fraternity
 - b. Founding Date
 - c. History at UTA
 - d. Current number of colonies

- e. Current number of undergraduate members
 - f. Average chapter size
 - g. Number of chapters closed in the last five years and reasons for closing
 - h. Membership Costs: new member, initiation fees, insurance, regular dues
 - i. Proof of liability insurance (minimum \$1 million)
2. Program Policies
- a. Position on risk management and policy
 - b. Position on hazing
 - c. Length/focus of new member program
 - d. Minimum standards for potential new members
 - e. Scholarship program
 - f. Community service program
 - g. Constitution and by-laws
 - h. How the organization plans to meet the requirements of the UTA Chapter Expectations Awards and Standards Review (C.E.A.S.R).
 - i. Recruitment and membership program (including a time line of events and initiation date)
3. Colonization
- a. List and status of colonies established in last five years
 - b. Procedures
 - c. Ongoing support for colony
 - i. field staff visits
 - ii. recruitment support
 - iii. additional resources
 - d. Criteria for chartering
4. Organizational structure
- a. List of all chapters and locations
 - b. Volunteer Support
 - i. district
 - ii. local
5. Resources
- a. (Inter) National Headquarters/Regional
 - i. Foundation scholarships/loans
 - ii. Housing support/ (Inter) National Housing/Regional Corporation
 - iii. Leadership schools or conventions
 - iv. Publications
 - b. Arlington
 - i. Nearest chapter
 - ii. Number of alumni in Arlington and metroplex
 - iii. Contact information of committed alumni

III. Colonization Procedure

A. Organizations selected to expand or re-colonize must meet the following criteria:

1. Recruit at least 8 full-time, UTA undergraduate students.
2. Representatives must attend all IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC meetings and all members are strongly encouraged to participate in every facet of the Greek community.
3. Meet the requirements as set forth by the UTA C.E.A.S.R. The organization will be required to complete and submit the packet at the end of their first active year as a colony. The colony's submission will be scored but they will not be eligible for awards or funding until the 2nd year of submission.
4. Secure the support of a faculty/staff advisor.
5. The colony should maintain an active alumni committee consisting of at least five alumni, with one being designated as the chapter advisor. This committee should be trained by the (Inter) National fraternity or sorority. The chapter advisor should attend all meetings of the active chapter and scheduled meetings for advisors by the UTA Greek Life office. In the case of a local, regional, or start-up group faculty/staff or other advisors may be considered.
6. The chapter must abide by all IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC and University policies, regulations, and guidelines.
7. The group must remain a colony for at least one fall or spring academic semester, yet has only two years to fulfill membership obligations. If a colony has not achieved chapter status at this time, the organization will be expected to disband.

B. Active IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC membership will be determined after the organization meets the respective council criteria.

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