



## RELATIONSHIP STATEMENT

The university holds a special relationship with social fraternities and sororities based on mutual interests in providing students with opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, academic excellence, pride in campus activities, and engagement in philanthropic and community service endeavors. It is through this reciprocal support of adding value to a student's holistic collegiate experience that the University supports the recognition of fraternal organizations on campus.

The university expects and encourages social fraternities and sororities to operate within the principles of self-governance, which will help to foster a sense of personal and group responsibility. The foundation of this relationship is based on mutual understanding of minimum expectations between the University and the Fraternity & Sorority Life community. These consist of the following:

### I. Responsibilities of Fraternities and Sororities

- a. Promote the academic mission of the University and encourage academic excellence among members, as a student's primary purpose of enrollment at the institution is for education
- b. Register as a student organization annually and adhere to [Policy 450](#) on Student Organizations including meeting the minimum six member standard
- c. Limit membership in the undergraduate chapter to enrolled undergraduate students at Indiana State University
- d. Have a charter or other recognition document (in the case of a provisional chapter/colony) from an inter/national organization
- e. Carry appropriate liability insurance and have the ability to produce a Certificate of Insurance
- f. Belong to a governing council made up of elected/appointed members of member fraternities/sororities. In the event that an organization seeks to establish on campus that would not typically be a part of an existing governing council, they must be an affiliate member of an existing council until such time as an additional governing council can be established
- g. Have advisors appointed and trained by the inter/national organization (advisors should be in addition to University staff members in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life)
- h. Participate in University and governing council events and programs
- i. Respect, observe, and uphold the Code of Student Conduct, the "Sycamore Standard" pledge, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Standards of Excellence, and applicable local/state/federal laws
- j. Have a constitution and bylaws for local operations that includes the formal name, purpose and mission, non-discrimination language (however, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1681 (a)(6)(A), social fraternities and sororities may limit membership on the basis of sex), compliance with University policies and local/state/federal laws, democratic procedures, not-for-profit status, hazing prohibition, and defining the relationship with their inter/national organization

- k. Inter/national and/or regional support team provides training and development or other support opportunities for undergraduate members and officers
- l. In the case that an organization has a recognized facility where members live in shared spaces, that members demonstrate the ability to be good neighbors and citizens, as well as maintaining a safe and healthy living environment

## **II. Expectations of University Support**

- a. Dedicated professional staff members and graduate assistants in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life who provide support and guidance to governing councils and individual chapters
- b. Ability to reserve on-campus facilities and equipment for use at organization events and meetings
- c. Ability to publicize activities and events on campus and inclusion in University publications
- d. Access to a campus bank account and index code for financial transactions and operations, assistance in creating yearly budgets for the accounts, and the ability to request additional financial support from the Student Government Association
- e. Ability to participate in campus and community traditions (ex. Homecoming and Spring Week) and other University functions
- f. Access to the intramural sports program and formation of teams
- g. Provided a mailbox in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life “Greek Suites”
- h. Creation and distribution of academic performance reports and statistics
- i. Programming, training, and recognition opportunities for new members, undergraduate members and officers, and advisors
- j. Produce and distribute risk reduction, crisis response, and hazing prevention information
- k. Assistance in identifying community partners for service-oriented and/or philanthropic activities
- l. Upholding the ability for first-semester, first-year students to be eligible to join a fraternity or sorority, but maintaining the understanding that membership selection will remain with the undergraduate chapter. Students are unable to affiliate with an organization without a formal invitation to join (i.e. a bid)
- m. Provide as-needed assistance for alumni activities or gatherings through the Alumni Association, and sharing data on membership affiliation upon graduation
- n. Should any responsibilities, expectations, or other documents be up for review, the University will provide the ability for organizations to give feedback and public comment before implementation