Community Standards Program

The Community Standards Program is an annual comprehensive report that documents the performance of each Greek organization. The purpose of the Community Standards Program for Greek organizations is to improve the experience of fraternity and sorority members at Texas Woman’s University, and measure the impact of each chapter on the TWU and Denton communities. It is the goal of the Office of Greek Life to enhance the quality of the Greek Life community by outlining clear standards for each chapter to meet.

Overview

The review of the Community Standards Performance report will be on an annual basis (January-December). Chapters must adhere to the following standards:

- Academic Performance
- Campus Engagement
- Community Service
- Risk Management
- Recruitment/Intake Process (if applicable)

Exemption

Chapters can petition to the Office of Greek Life for a short term exemption from any of the Community Standards if they meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that the Community Standard is not applicable to their chapter.
- Experienced extenuating circumstances that will prevent the chapter from meeting the requirement.
- Be a newly recognized Greek organization that is in colony status.

*All exemption requests must be submitted in writing prior to the submission of the report.*
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**Academic Performance**

1. Each member will need to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5. The Office of Greek Life will collect that information at the end of each semester and send grade reports to each chapter president and chapter advisor. Members who fall below a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 will be inactive until such time the grade point average meets the requirement.

**Campus Engagement**

1. **Campus Engagement**: Each chapter will submit a member roster that lists involvement in other recognized student organizations at TWU or in the community for each member. This roster is due December 1st.
2. **Co-Sponsored Event**: Each chapter is expected to co-sponsor at least one event (social, educational, service-related, or philanthropic in nature) during the school year. Chapters can partner with 1) another Greek organization, 2) a non-Greek student organization, or 3) a department/office on campus. This form is due December 1st.

**Community Service**

1. **Community Service Event**: Each chapter is expected to coordinate or provide support to at least one community service event. This form is due December 1st.
2. **Community Service Requirement**: Each semester, the chapter must complete an average of 10 community service hours per member. All hours must be accounted for by providing dates, times, and locations of community service per member. This document can be in Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets, and it must be by semester (Fall/Spring). This report is due December 1st.

**Risk Management**

1. **Risk Management Training**: Each chapter president and one other designated chapter officer will be required to attend Risk Management Training in person in the fall semester of the academic year. Training will be coordinated by the Center for Student Development.
2. **Chapter Risk Management Training**: Once chapter officers have attended the in-person Risk Management Training, those officers will be responsible for training the rest of the chapter membership. Each chapter will need to submit a form with members’ signatures stating that they have gone through the training and understand the information.
3. **Risk Management Policy**: Each chapter will need to submit a copy of their risk management policy to the Center for Student Development each spring semester. Chapters are also required to have a copy of their insurance on file.
Note: During the in-person Risk Management Training, dates will be given as to when documents need to be turned in to the Center for Student Development.

**Recruitment/Intake Process**

1. **New Member Education Program**: Each chapter will submit their new membership education program to have on file with the Office of Greek Life. This needs to be on file by the third week of the Spring Semester.

2. **Recruitment/Intake Documents**: Chapters will submit the following documents:
   a. [Anti-Hazing Compliance Form](#)
   b. [Recruitment Week Form (NPC and IFC chapters)](#)
   c. [Membership Intake Form (NPHC and MGC chapters)](#)
   d. [Grade Release Form](#)

**Chapter Standing**

Chapters will be placed in one of three status categories based on performance in the Community Standards Program:

**Good Standing**: Chapter has met all of the standards outlined. Chapters in Good Standing will have all rights and privileges granted to recognized student organizations.

**Warning**: Chapter has not met all of the standards outlined for one year. Chapters will receive written notification from the Office of Greek Life about their status. Some privileges could be revoked as a result of this status. The chapter president and advisor will meet with the Greek Life Coordinator to discuss next steps.

**Probation**: Chapter has not met all of the standards outlined for more than one year. Chapter will receive written notification from the Office of Greek Life about their status.