

Syracuse University
Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs
POLICY ON RECOGNITION OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

I. Definition:

Fraternal organization is defined as any group, social, service, civic, or professional in nature, that:

- a. Utilizes Greek letters in its nomenclature, with the exception of honor societies; or
- b. Maintains single-sex membership; or
- c. Has organization norms consistent with fraternal organizations such as but not limited to: ritual ceremony of initiation, membership recruitment and selection, big brother/big sister, new member education/orientation/pledging, wearing letters.

II. Recognition:

To be eligible to receive consideration for University privileges, services, and resources, as outlined in documents from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at Syracuse University, fraternal organizations must hold "recognized" status. Recognition is granted at the discretion of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs upon demonstrating that the organization is responsibly managed, fiscally reliable, a responsible steward of University and community property, and a constructive member of the University community that reflects the University's highest ideals. As a general rule, recognition will not be granted/extended unless the organization:

- a. Has filed an Application for Expansion with FASA or Continuing Registration Form with FASA;
- b. Has a minimum of four (4) currently enrolled Syracuse University undergraduate members, in the case of continuing recognition. Exceptions may be recommended to the Director of FASA by the FASA chapter advisor, on a case-by-case basis; and,
- c. Has a minimum group GPA of 2.25 in the case of continuing recognition; and,
- d. Is in good standing with its inter/national headquarters; and,
- e. Have membership (provisional membership in the case of a new organization) in one of the recognized fraternal governing councils and,
- f. Has reasonably complied with the Student Code of Conduct, council governing policies and the like. New fraternal organizations must demonstrate a capacity to uphold these policies.
- g. New organizations seeking recognition must also:
 1. Demonstrate the existence of sufficient, active alumni support in the greater Syracuse area.
 2. Have an alumni advisor/advisory board and selected a faculty/staff advisor.
 3. Demonstrate that the inter/national headquarters and/or inter/national officers have a proven track record of successful partnerships with the institutions they have chartered at.
 4. Adhere to the standards of the North American Interfraternity

Conference, National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan Hellenic Council, National Multicultural Greek Council, National APIA Panhellenic Association, National Association for Latino Fraternal Organizations, National Interfraternity Music Council, or Professional Fraternity Association.

5. Demonstrate that the inter/national organization provides sufficient educational training in the areas of chapter management, new member education, risk management/reduction, and leadership.

II. Application for Expansion and Term:

A fraternal organization will be considered for yearly recognition upon submitting a completed Application for Expansion to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. The application and supporting documentation for new organizations will be reviewed by FASA and a recommendation made to the appropriate governing council for consideration. Recognition of new fraternities and sororities will be granted only if they complete the recognition requirements as outlined in Section II above, agree to charter in a timeframe established by the University, there is demonstrated student interest, and University fiscal and human resources to support the additional organization. Recognition is granted for a term of one academic year.

III. Expiration and Renewal of Recognition:

Once recognized, a chapter is expected to remain in compliance with the terms of recognition. Each fall, the Continuing Registration Form must be submitted to be eligible to receive University privileges and resources. Failure to submit this form or to uphold the requirements of recognition will result in the suspension or termination of recognition and a loss of all University privileges.

IV. Revocation of Recognition:

Recognition may be suspended on an interim basis by the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for a pattern or incident of misconduct, criminal activity, or fiscal default by:

- a. the undergraduate organization; or,
- b. an undergraduate officer or member of the organization when representing the organization; or,
- c. the housing or alumni corporation of the organization; or,
- d. a resident on premises owned, leased, or licensed by the organization; or,
- e. an invitee or guest of the organization, which in the judgment of the Director, or designee, poses an unacceptable risk of harm to persons or property, including liability or financial loss to the University or community.

In accordance with the Code of Student Conduct, due process will be afforded a fraternal organization whose recognition may be suspended or revoked. Absent extraordinary circumstances, a fraternal organization whose recognition has been revoked will not be eligible to reapply for recognition for a minimum of four (4) years. Evidence of a suspended or revoked chapter functioning as an "underground" unrecognized organization may extend this period by a year for each violation.