

I. Recognition of Fraternities and Sororities

- A.** Recognition of fraternities and sororities is solely at the discretion of McKendree University.
- B.** To be recognized, a fraternity or sorority must be affiliated, and be in good standing with a national or international fraternity or sorority if applicable, and in good standing with the Office of Campus Activities and McKendree University.
- C.** All recognized fraternities and sororities must be chartered at McKendree University and the membership must be exclusive to students of McKendree University.
- D.** If a national or international fraternity or sorority removes the recognition of their organization the campus will expect a minimum wait of six years from loss of recognition before reconsideration of re-chartering the organization on campus.
- E.** If McKendree University removes recognition of a fraternity or sorority on campus there will be a minimum wait of five years from loss of recognition before consideration of reestablishing recognition.

II. Expansion of New Fraternities and Sororities

- A.** National or International fraternity and sorority headquarters and local organizations may not solicit or recruit McKendree University students to establish new organizations without the proper permission granted by McKendree University Office of Greek Life to do so.
- B.** New fraternities and sororities must be approved for expansion by the Office of Greek Life and the appropriate governing council in accordance with established expansion policies or in the absence of a governing council policies, the Office of Greek Life.
- C.** Once a group has membership and is granted permission to expand from the Office of Greek Life at McKendree University, a new fraternity or sorority must register as a student organization with the Office of Student Activities, provide contact information for organization officers and advisors(s), and submit a roster of members to the Office of Greek Life.
- D.** Expansion for Interfraternity council fraternities must be in accordance with the standards of the North American Interfraternity conference. Expansion for Panhellenic Conference sororities must be in accordance with the National Panhellenic conference. National Pan-Hellenic organizations must be in accordance with established governing policies.

III. Eligibility to Join a Fraternity or Sorority

- A.** Only full-time undergraduate students enrolled at McKendree University may join fraternities and sororities recognized by McKendree University.
- B.** Students seeking membership in a recognized fraternity or sorority, or starting a new one, must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA from high school, or from transferring institution or their 1st full semester at McKendree University, and not be on academic probation with the University.

C. Students joining fraternities and sororities must comply with University policies prohibiting hazing and follow the Office of Greek Life risk management policies and/or individual organization risk management policy if applicable.

D. Organizations and governing councils may institute or have more specific standards, policies, and processes for students seeking membership in organizations.

IV. Academic Policy

A. Every organization under the Office of Greek Life must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Organizations that do not meet this requirement will be notified in writing.

B. Failure to achieve the minimum grade point will result in a notification letter being sent to the organization president, organization advisor, and inter/national office.

C. Individuals within organizations under the Office of Greek Life must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

D. While we recognize that individual organizations have their own policies regarding academics and those policies may be higher than the university policy, these policies have been developed as a minimum guide. Members should constantly strive to achieve to the best of their ability.

V. Fraternities and Sororities and the Undergraduate Student Handbook

A. Fraternities and sororities are subject to the Student Handbook and are expected to abide by the expectations set forth on and off campus.

B. Fraternities and sororities found to be in violation of the Student Handbook are subject to discipline including, but not limited to, probation, suspension, and/or expulsion from McKendree University. In the absence of a council judicial board, the judicial process of the Office of Student Affairs will adjudicate cases involving fraternities and sororities.

VII. Greek Life Paperwork

A. Each organization under the Office of Greek Life is expected to submit paperwork to the office in a timely fashion. Examples of required information include, but are not limited to:

i. Organization rosters, new member rosters/grade release forms, advisor information, new member education schedules, and officer lists.

B. Each organization under the Office of Greek Life is also expected to provide all required information as a Registered Student Organization to the Office of Student Activities

C. Each organization is to have approval for fliers, promotional materials, and apparel etc. through the Office of Greek Life

VIII. Greek Judicial Board

A. Rules and procedures of the councils are determined Inter-Greek Council's constitution and bylaws which can be viewed on the Greek Life web site. The power of the council to hear cases and deliver

sanctions is delegated by the Office of Greek Life. In the instance the council does not have a Judicial Board the case(s) will be heard by the Director of Greek Life.

B. IGC Judicial Board may impose the following sanctions, but are not limited to:

i. Warning: A written warning which indicates a violation of IGC, university and/or Greek Life policies and suggested future modifications of behavior.

ii. Probation/Suspension: A defined time period in which further violations will result in more severe sanctions. These may include restriction or suspension of participation in programs, recruitment/rush/membership intake, intramurals, and/or social probation (no social events).

iii. Restitution: A monetary payment to an individual or group for the cost of damages.

iv. Service project: A community service project as a form of non-monetary restitution to the community.

v. Educational Assignment: The organization will provide educational programming on a topic related to the committed offense so that the organization can learn from its mistake. .

vi. Board Discretion: Other sanctions deemed appropriate by the board.

C. Organizations have the right to appeal decisions of the board or the Office of Greek Life. Such an appeal must be submitted in writing within five business days of receipt of the written decision/sanctions and must specify the grounds for the appeal. The appeal will be directed to the appropriate University personnel for review.