STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
REFERRED

Referendum for the Establishment of Greek Life

I. Introduction

The Student Government Association of Reinhardt University intends this act to set forth a policy supporting the establishment of Greek Life unless otherwise addressed by Student Senate resolution or by student body referendum. This act endeavors to prevent and protect the rights of the students of Reinhardt University who request recognition, assembly, and representation of national fraternities and sororities within the Student Government Association (SGA). This act of the Student Government Association responds to a student petition by 16.17% of the main campus student body for the establishment of Greek Life. Additionally, support for the establishment of Greek Life by the student body of Reinhardt University has been demonstrated since fall semester of 2005.

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II. Obligations of the Student Government Association

The Student Government Association of Reinhardt University hereby ensures student representation within the Student Senate with the creation of two Senator positions representing the interests of Reinhardt University students maintaining membership in National fraternities and sororities whose chapters are chartered at the main campus. Furthermore, the Student Government Association hereby ensures the creation of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) under the jurisdiction of the Office of Campus Involvement and the Dudley Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities.
III. Obligations of Reinhardt University
   A. The university shall employ full time staff to advise the members, chapters, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and oversees the development of policies related to men’s and women’s national fraternities/sororities.
   B. Through its policies and procedures, in agreement with the constitution and by-laws of IFC/PHC/NPHC; and in collaboration with the University Judicial Council, the university will oversee the judicial system for National fraternities and sororities.
   C. The university shall support and encourage the Greek Life Advisory Council.
   D. The university shall grant use of its facilities and provide office and meeting space to the IFC/PHC/NPHC.
   E. The university shall encourage individual chapters to set minimum academic criteria for students wishing to pledge/associate with a National fraternity/sorority. These criteria shall be consistent with policies of other institutions of higher education and shall not be used to unreasonably restrict a student’s privilege to associate with a National fraternity/sorority.
   F. Upon expressed interest and based on available space, the university shall provide housing individual National fraternity/sorority chapters through Special Purpose Housing or existing residence facilities.
   G. Upon expressed interest and based on available space, the university shall provide meeting space for individual National fraternity/sorority chapters through designation of chapter offices or chapter lodges.
   H. The university shall recognize a National fraternity/sorority for the duration of its operation within the charter granted by its respective National governing body; published policies, rules, and regulations of said governing body (if applicable); the bylaws of the IFC/PHC/NPHC; the policies and procedures of Reinhardt University; the Constitution of the State of Georgia; the Code of Laws of the United States of America; the Constitution of the United States.

IV. Obligations of the Individual Chapters
   A. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall comply with the charter granted by its respective National governing body; published policies, rules, and regulations of said governing body (if applicable); the bylaws of the IFC/PHC/NPHC; the policies and procedures of Reinhardt University; the Constitution of the State of Georgia; the Code of Laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution of the United States.
   B. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the missions and purposes of Reinhardt University; the Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities; and its respective national/international organization.
   C. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter is expected to establish alumni/ae support for the purpose of providing community, stability, information, training, discipline, leadership, business expertise and maturity.
   D. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall comply with its National organization’s grade point average (GPA) requirements for members. If the National organization does not require a minimum GPA, each chapter shall require of its members a minimum GPA of 2.5. Chapters are also expected to develop scholarship programs, appoint or elect a scholarship chairperson, and actively support academic excellence among its members.
   E. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall encourage and support involvement of its members and pledges/associates in chapter, campus organization, and/or student body leadership.
F. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall encourage and support leadership training programs through its own regional or national/international organizations as well as on-campus workshops sponsored by other organizations or the administration. Chapter attendance and involvement in regional or national/international conventions, conclaves, leadership schools, is an expectation of chapter operation.

G. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall develop a program of philanthropic activities that include service to the university, to the community, and to the National public. Each chapter shall participate annually in at least one service project in which a significant proportion of the membership is actively involved.

H. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter shall pay its obligations to the university for any item or services supplied by the university within 60 days of a statement being rendered. A national fraternity/sorority chapter with an outstanding obligation to the university must submit, in writing, an acceptable timetable committing to repayment of the total obligation. Failure to do so can lead to loss of certified housing status and/or suspension/loss of recognition by the university.

I. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter’s members, pledges, and associates shall acquaint themselves with and strive to maintain the tenets set forth by Rights and Responsibilities of Greek Membership, A Statement of Fraternal Values, and Ethics: Basic Expectations. These documents follow and shall be considered an integral part of this referendum.

J. No National fraternity/sorority chapter shall engage in any form of hazing as defined by the University Student Handbook. Each chapter shall hold its members to comply with the Reinhardt University Hazing Policy as well as the anti-hazing policies set forth by their national/international governing body, and the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
   i. Anti-Hazing pledges are required by each chapter by Reading Day of each semester.

K. Each National fraternity/sorority chapter, in accordance with university policy, shall not discriminate based on race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or ability in membership selection. Multicultural diversity is to be appreciated, encouraged, and embraced among all chapters.

V. Obligations of the National/International Fraternity/Sorority

A. The national/international organization of each national fraternity/sorority will assist its chapter in complying with this referendum.

B. The national/international organization shall communicate with the Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities in a reciprocal partnership for the betterment of their chapter.

C. The national/international organizations are encouraged to schedule an on-site visit to their respective chapter by a professional staff member, or volunteer, at least once a semester, if applicable. This person and a member of the Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities shall make every attempt to meet during his/her visit.

D. The national/international organization shall monitor its chapter adherence to the National/International Constitution and Bylaws.

E. If applicable, the national/international organization shall further monitor, by use of an advisor or other qualified brother/sister, the performance of the chapter’s Ritual.

F. The national/international headquarters shall assist the university, and the IFC, the PHC, and/or the NPHC, in resolving conduct/performance problems involving its chapter at Reinhardt University.
VI. Obligations of the House Corporation (if applicable)
The house corporation is a legal business entity designed to protect the individuals involved in the maintaining operations of all officially recognized houses.

A. The house corporation shall constitute itself as such under the laws of the State of Georgia.
B. The house corporation shall provide and manage the living accommodations, if not housed by the university, for its chapter at Reinhardt University. If the chapter is residing on campus, the house corporation will assist in the supervision of the maintenance of the physical plant.
C. The house corporation shall supervise the finances of the chapter’s residence and instill prudent financial management techniques so as to insure the solvency of their respective chapter’s housing finances.
D. The house corporation shall advise the Dudley L. Moore, Jr. Office of Student Activities of its present directors and officers and maintain communications with the Dudley L. Moore, Jr. Office of Student Activities in a timely manner.
E. The house corporation shall be responsible for seeing that its chapter's housing meets all health, safety, and code regulations.
F. The house corporation should meet on a regular basis to discuss housing issues and plan for long range residency in adequate housing.

VII. Obligations of the Chapter Alumni Advisor

A. The chapter alumni advisor shall be chosen by the chapter, the alumni/house corporation and/or the national/international fraternity/sorority.
B. The chapter alumni advisor shall be aware of, and conversant in, the university’s policies regarding the fraternity/sorority community and equally knowledgeable of the laws and policies of their respective organizations.
C. The chapter advisor shall regularly attend his/her chapter’s meetings if possible and be aware of the chapter’s functions, activities, and regular operations.
D. The chapter alumni advisor shall supervise the finances of the chapter and instill prudent financial management techniques.
E. The chapter alumni advisor shall meet regularly with a representative of the Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities and with other chapter advisors to exchange ideas and to discuss policies to enhance Greek Life at Reinhardt University.
F. The chapter alumni advisor shall assist his/her chapter in meeting the obligations set forth by this referendum.
G. The chapter alumni advisor shall assist his/her chapter in meeting its obligations to its national/international organization.

VIII. Obligations of the Chapter Faculty/Staff Advisor

A. The chapter faculty/staff advisor must be a full-time staff or faculty at Reinhardt University.
B. The chapter faculty/staff advisor shall be chosen by the chapter, the alumni/house corporation and/or the national/international fraternity/sorority.
B. The chapter faculty/staff advisor shall be aware of, and conversant in, the university’s policies regarding the fraternity/sorority community and equally knowledgeable of the laws and policies of their respective organizations.
C. The chapter faculty/staff advisor shall regularly attend his/her chapter’s meetings if possible and be aware of the chapter’s functions, activities, and regular operations.
D. The faculty/staff advisor shall provide academic advising and check-ins with members who are not fulfilling academic expectations of membership.
E. The faculty/staff advisor shall be readily accessible to address and help with matters, if they are unavailable, they shall respond in a timely manner.
F. The chapter faculty/staff advisor shall meet regularly with a representative of the Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Office of Student Activities and with other chapter advisors to exchange ideas, discuss policies to enhance the fraternity/sorority community at Reinhardt University.

G. The national/international fraternity/sorority shall provide liability coverage for faculty/staff acting in the scope as chapter faculty/staff advisors.

IX. Obligations of the Governing Councils

A. The university recognizes the respective governing councils; Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council as the governing boards for the above stated constituencies. The power and authority of these councils are outlined in their respective constitutions and by-laws as approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs, the internal authority.

B. The governing councils shall provide services to its member chapters as decided by its directors and officers and in accordance with their governing documents.

C. The governing councils shall strive to act as a resource organization for its member chapters of fraternity/sorority life and community stewardship.

D. The governing councils shall strive to work with the administration of Reinhardt University in aiding and fulfilling its mission and values.

E. The governing councils shall see that this referendum is communicated to its membership on an annual basis and encourages the respective chapters to incorporate it into their pledge/associate/new member and/or membership education programs.

X. Rights and Responsibilities of Greek Membership

To earn recognition of membership in a National/international fraternity/sorority chapter chartered on the campus of Reinhardt University, each member, pledge, and/or associate of said chapter must commit to the following Rights and Responsibilities of Greek Membership:

From the moment I commit myself to become a member of a fraternity or sorority on the campus of Reinhardt University; I am entitled to certain rights within the Greek system:

A. Right to be an individual, accepted as I am, with the personal qualities which mark me as both similar and different from others.

B. Right to dignity, free from intentional humiliation.

C. Right to equality, to be treated fairly as any other brother or sister.

D. Right to participation, as a partner, with the right to freely support or oppose a proposal under discussion by the membership.

E. Right to privacy, recognizing my need for personal time and the expectation that the security of my personal belongings will be respected.

F. Right to respect, for my culture and my spiritual beliefs.

G. Right to support, in my quest for personal growth, my studies, and my social life.
At the same time that I acquire these rights, I also accept certain responsibilities:

A. Responsibility for growth, to work diligently for the development of myself, my college, and my fraternity or sorority.

B. Responsibility for loyalty, to my fraternity or sorority and its members, to the Greek system at Reinhardt University, to my university, and to the ideals for which they stand.

C. Responsibility to participate, thoughtfully in the business of the chapter, to complete faithfully those assignments accepted, and to embrace, support, and adhere to the decisions of the chapter, governing body, and the national/international organizations, and govern wisely if elected to a position of chapter leadership.

D. Responsibility to responsible conduct, since my personal actions reflect not only on me, but on my brothers or sisters, on my college, and on my family and friends.

E. Responsibility to respect, the rights, convictions and privacy of others, and to work unceasingly to improve fraternity/sorority relations with all other Reinhardt University Greeks, with the university, with our campus neighbors, and with the general public.

I further accept the personal responsibility for familiarizing myself with the published creed or ideals of my fraternity or sorority, and for doing my best to conduct myself in accordance with these principles.