Resolution Date: 11 March 2014

Sponsor(s): SGA Working Group on Greek Life and Campus Community, Sarah Barker, Ari Tatum, Ashley Calicchia, Greg Slusher, Shelby Noblitt

Resolution for the Establishment of Greek Life

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is the official student governing body of Reinhardt University;

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association hereby recommends to the Reinhardt University administration the establishment of Greek Life on campus(s);

WHEREAS, fraternities/sororities have been closely identified with the purposes of American higher education since the first students at the College of William and Mary met to form Phi Beta Kappa in 1776.

WHEREAS, these students were motivated by the commonly expressed need for belonging to encourage scholarship, to emulate high purpose, to discuss the great intellectual, social, and political concerns, and to share in literary presentations and debates on the great moral issues of the day.

WHEREAS, fraternities/sororities were always associated with the host college or university, and served to espouse the purposes and missions of their respective institution of learning.

WHEREAS, host institutions which have made the decision to foster and encourage fraternity/sorority experience as one option of leadership training and educational experience for their students, have affirmed the values which can accrue to the individual students and benefit the varied communities of the host institution.

WHEREAS, loyalty to alma mater, fraternity/sorority member’s persistence to graduation, and more concerned involvement with the welfare of the college and university are documented advantages and benefits for colleges and universities in making the decision to encourage and support fraternity/sorority chapters.

WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, community, alumni, undergraduates, national fraternity/sorority volunteers, and national fraternity/sorority national/international professional staff members seek shared partnership for the perpetuation of excellence in college and university fraternal organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Body President of Student Government Association directs the Secretary of the Senate to generate an e-mail to inform the student body of this decision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate Executive Board of the Student Government directs the Student Body President to submit a signed, fully executed copy of this resolution to the Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students and the President of Reinhardt University.

Adopted by the Student Government Association on the 11th day of March, 2014.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this resolution by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association.

Maria Flores
Signature – Student Body President

Alexander Bryant
Signature – Vice President of Administration

I hereunto set my hands in witness and certification of the adoption of this resolution by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association:

Robin Daniels
Signature – Secretary

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