

## Non-Facility Policies Review Committee

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2007

Location: JWRU 272

Members Present: Chris Bullins, Brian Engel, Don Goddo, Craig Thompson, Sam Warfield, Eddie Daniel, Shae Ferguson, Mike Mitchell

### Minutes

(5:07) Call to Order

(5:15) Discussion opened regarding Student Affairs: Social Sororities and Fraternities Policy

(5:30) After review of the housing portion, it is agreed to schedule joint meeting with housing committee before finalizing changes to the policy.

(5:45) It is agreed that first and foremost priority of a Social Sorority/Fraternity is to foster sisterhood/brotherhood amongst its members and furthermore, it is agreed to create a preamble to the policy stating so.

(5:50) The next committee meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> in room 272 at 5PM in the Reitz Union.

(5:54) Committee members will review the 2006 Florida Greek Standards, and the DRAFT 2007 Florida Greek Standards documents before the next committee meeting, at which time they will be discussed.

(5:58) Adjournment

RULES OF UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
6C1-4.004 Student Affairs: Social Sororities and Fraternities

**Social sororities and fraternities are unique organizations that have an extensive and pronounced history at the University of Florida. These unique organizations are founded on the principles of brotherhood/sisterhood. Through the ideals of friendship and personal growth, social sororities and fraternities promote the highest standards of scholarship, leadership, and service for its members.**

Social sororities and fraternities are defined by the University of Florida **and the United States Department of Education** as organizations that:

- Do not limit membership to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study, profession or academic discipline
- Do not serve as honorary societies for academic, leadership, or any other endeavor
- Do not permit members to hold membership in other social sororities or fraternities.

In addition these organizations must also:

- Have tax-exempt status under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Limit membership **to enrolled undergraduates and current students**, staff and faculty at the ~~host institution.~~ **University of Florida.**

Social sororities and fraternities shall exist at the University of Florida as registered student organizations and shall be classified as social sororities and fraternities, ~~under~~ **governed by** policies established by the Division of Student Affairs **and the** Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs (OSFA). Social sororities and fraternities at the University of Florida are expected to contribute to a living/learning environment that promotes and values scholarship, service, leadership and community.

The governance structure established by the University of Florida includes student input and participation delegated by the OSFA to the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council and the Panhellenic Council. Social sororities and fraternities must abide by applicable university policies, guidelines and procedures governing student organizations as well as policies, guidelines and procedures established by the OSFA and the designating governing councils.

A new social sorority or fraternity seeking registration at the University of Florida must complete the expansion process established by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs. **No social sorority or fraternity shall be registered at the university without approval by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs and affiliation with a designated governing council.**

**Comment [SMW1]:** We will revisit after our discussion on The Expansion Policy

A social sorority or fraternity that ~~operates a residential unit~~ **utilizes a facility, approved by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs**, that offers and provides opportunities for housing to university students must abide by facility management policies and standards as established by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, including but not limited to the following: (1) Sororities or fraternities that provide **housing** to ~~10 (ten) or more~~ students must have a live-in House Director and must be in compliance with related policies; (2) Must be in compliance with fire safety standards; (3) Must comply with requests for and must pass successfully ~~all inspections by appropriate authorities~~ **the Fire Safety, Health, and all other inspections as directed by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs** and take corrective actions within the designated time periods(s).

The University reserves the right to withhold, revoke, or suspend the registration of any social sorority or fraternity when University rules, policies, and/or guidelines are not adhered to.

Specific Authority 1001.74(4), 1006.60(2) FS.

Law Implemented 1001.74(10), 1006.60 FS.

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