

Greek Life 411

Spring Four-Council Meeting

The Florida Greek Four-Council Meeting for the spring semester was held on Wednesday. Chapter presidents from all four councils attended.

Meeting attendees were greeted by Eddie Daniels, Executive Director of the J. Wayne Reitz Union, who commended Greek leaders

on the great semester so far and challenged them to continue to improve our Florida Greek community.

Guest presentations were then made about Order of Omega and the Florida Greek Service Day.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to a presenta-

tion from the OSFA staff on minimum standards requirements, including the documentation that will be required from chapters in the fall.

Please check your email for the meeting recap, including the PowerPoint presentation and document templates.

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Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, March 24	Order of Omega Applications Due	5:00pm	OSFA
Tuesday, March 28	Sex Signals	6:00pm	Norman Auditorium
April 1-2	Dance Marathon		O'Connell Center
April 8	Florida Greek Service Day		



Check the website for a full list of dates updated daily!

Tip of the Week...Leadership:

As the midpoint of the semester has passed and things begin winding down, it's time to start thinking about leadership positions within your chapter. Use this opportunity, before you leave for the summer, to make notes about positions and encourage others to do the same.

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Keep records of what has worked and the recommendations for improvement that you would like to pass along to the next chapter leaders.

If you do not already have one, consider investing in a binder in which you may keep training information, notes, evaluations, etc—it will pay off!

Think critically about your transition in to the position and how you would like to implement the transition process for the next person—it's never too early to begin planning.

Cultivate leaders: seek out individuals who would make good leaders, let them shadow you, and seek opportunities to teach them about your position.

Campus Chatter:

The talk about the Activities Review Board (ARB)...

The Activities Review Board (ARB) is a group comprised of Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council representatives, chaired by the Executive VP for Panhellenic and the VP of Operations for IFC.

The board was developed out of a comprehensive agreement between the two councils to oversee philanthropic events such that they have consistent rules and that they are scheduled in a manner such that the dates do not conflict (in order to maximize participation).

Chapters are currently reviewing the ARB constitution to ensure that it is meeting the current needs of Panhellenic and IFC chapters. The next meeting will be April 9 at 5:00 at Zeta Tau Alpha.

Congratulations to Tau Kappa Epsilon President Ryan Ulloa. Ryan has been awarded the fraternity's Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Award by the TKE national headquarters.

Ulloa is a political science/economics major, with a minor in business administration. He would like to pursue a career in government. Ryan is a founding father of the Gamma Theta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He was able to see the value and opportunities that exist in joining TKE and helping rebuild the Gamma Theta chapter.

Famous Greeks

United States Presidents from 1877-present

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
1877-1881	Rutherford B. Hayes (R)	Delta Kappa Epsilon
1881	James A. Garfield (R)	Delta Upsilon
1881-1885	Chester A. Arthur (R)	Psi Upsilon
1885-1889 & 1893-1897	Grover Cleveland (D)	None
1889-1893	Benjamin Harrison (R)	Phi Delta Theta
1897-1901	William McKinley (R)	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
1901-1909	Theodore Roosevelt (R)	DKE/Alpha Delta Phi
1909-1913	William Howard Taft (R)	Psi Upsilon
1913-1921	Woodrow Wilson (D)	Phi Kappa Psi
1921-1923	Warren G. Harding (R)	None
1923-1929	Calvin Coolidge (R)	Phi Gamma Delta
1929-1933	Herbert Hoover (R)	None
1933-1945	Franklin D. Roosevelt (D)	Alpha Delta Phi
1945-1953	Harry S. Truman (D)	Lambda Chi Alpha
1953-1960	Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)	Tau Epsilon Phi
1960-1963	John F. Kennedy (D)	Phi Kappa Theta
1963-1969	Lyndon B. Johnson (D)	None
1969-1974	Richard M. Nixon (R)	None
1974-1977	Gerald R. Ford (R)	Delta Kappa Epsilon
1977-1981	James E. Carter (D)	None
1981-1989	Ronald Reagan (R)	Tau Kappa Epsilon
1989-1993	George H.W. Bush (R)	Delta Kappa Epsilon
1993-2000	William J. Clinton (D)	None
2000-present	George W. Bush (R)	Delta Kappa Epsilon

Contract Seminar Change

There has been a change of date on the Contract Negotiation Seminar (presented by the OSFA and the Office of Student Activities). The seminar will now take place on April 6 at 12:00 noon in room 318 of the Reitz Union. The workshop is intended to provide information for members who deal with contracts for the chapter (President, Social Chair, Philanthropy Chair). Chapter advisors are also welcome to attend!

Correction...

Please excuse the mistake in the March 10 issue of the Greek Life 411. The article about Iota Phi Theta's "Women's Appreciation Day" should have referred to the opening speaker as Dr. Shari Robinson. Apologies on the mistake!

Florida Greek Service Day sign-ups began today! Signups will continue through Thursday, March 30 in the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs. Chapters are encouraged to check their email for available projects and to sign up as soon as possible, as projects are already filling quickly!

Around the Nation

Facebook displays questionable activities

Eyes watch as students describe drinking, weapons possession

By Susie Wahrman/Correspondent
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Students can join groups on Facebook that express their every thought and desire, without considering who can read the information, which is why The New York Times in January labeled college students as the "Tell-All Generation."

With Facebook's party feature, students can advertise the times and locations of big parties, or advertise underage drinking and drug-use.

But there are consequences to these "Tell-All" Web sites.

The Rutgers Facebook group entitled "Weed is Good," for example, boasts 602 members. In addition, there are 10 Rutgers Facebook groups that support marijuana use and dozens more that support other forms of illegal substances.

In January, The Pennsylvania State University's campus police used Facebook information to close down a party, and many attendees were penalized for underage drinking. Similarly, in Alabama, three students were suspected earlier this month of setting fires to churches as a result of a Facebook message that said it was "time to reconvene the season of evil."

According Facebook's main page, "Facebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks at schools." It was created to help students get to know each other, and not as a security device.

Along with peer site MySpace, Facebook has recently been used for security purposes - in Colorado, a 16-year-old boy was arrested earlier this month when police saw pictures on MySpace of the teenager holding handguns. The weapons were later found in the boy's home.

To a lesser degree, University users also advertise their misdemeanors, complete with vulgarity.

For example, one University Facebook group has a student commenting on a message board, "Drunk and disorderly ... it happens."

Other students, including underage ones, have Facebook profile pictures with them holding alcoholic beverages. This trend has become so popular one University Facebook group is entitled "Holding a Drink in Your Facebook Picture Does Not Make You Cool."

Users of Facebook can be punished not just for illegal activities, but also for their indiscretion as well.

John Brown University student Michael Guinn, for example, was recently kicked out of his college because of pictures he posted on Facebook of himself dressed in drag. John Brown is a private religious college, and watchful of its student population.

No disciplinary action of this kind has occurred at the University.

Anyone with a University email address can read any other University profile - and 115 faculty members and 333 staff members have Rutgers Facebook accounts, which means faculty members can easily access

the profiles of their students.

With a few clicks and Facebook's Advanced Search option, any University can read a full report of any given student, possibly including pictures of a student or a link to his or her personal blog.

Many Facebook groups discuss lusting after certain professors and hating others, and the professors can easily read stories written about them that are never written anonymously.

Last spring, after criticizing their coaches on Facebook, two Louisiana State swimmers were kicked off the team.

A Rutgers Facebook group entitled "Facebook Stalkers" describes how students look up profiles of random people and keep up on all of their personal information. "Facebook makes it possible," the group's description reads.

Many students at the University feel they should not be punished for what they put online, since they consider the site is a private domain that should not be censored.

But other students said people should watch what they post. These students, such as Douglass College first-year Samantha Ehrlich, said anyone who does not realize how easy it is to access information on Facebook is "ignorant."

Ehrlich - who does not post her phone number or address on Facebook or the blog option on her MySpace profile - added, "People who would put personal information online for public viewing are naive."

"Why would they want other people reading their personal thoughts?" she asked.

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