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EXPANSION COMMITTEE

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this committee is to oversee and regulate the chartering process that nationally affiliated Greek-lettered organizations and/or councils follow in seeking formal recognition at William Paterson University.

II. Voting Membership:

A. Voting Members:

1. The voting membership of the Expansion Committee shall consist of one the Expansion Committee chairperson, (1) member of the NPHC, one (1) member of the UCGC, one (1) member of the IFC, one (1) member of the NPC, one (1) Member at Large
2. Voting members must send an alternate representative if he/she is unable to attend the Expansion Committee Meeting.
3. The advisor(s) is not considered a voting member.
4. Each voting member will have only one vote.

B. Voting Quorum

Quorum will be considered met if two-thirds (2/3) of the Expansion Committee members are present for a hearing.

III. Hearing Procedure:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call and quorum check
3. Expansion Committee introduction
4. Introduction of organization seeking recognition and its potential interested members
5. Organization seeking recognition will present to the Expansion Committee
6. Expansion Committee members can inquire about the presentation and / or the organization
7. Expansion Committee members will verify that all aspects of the presentation requirements were met
8. Expansion Committee Chairperson will motion for a vote to grant or deny recognition or to move status
9. Expansion Committee will vote
10. Expansion Committee Chairperson will follow-up in writing of the committee's decision and will outline the next appropriate steps the interested group must take
11. Meeting is adjourned

IV. Chartering Process: (expanded details from Article XIV, Section I)

A. Provisional Status:

Provisional recognition describes the Greek Senates conditional approval for recognition given to a Greek organization. Provisional recognition can be applied during the establishment of a new fraternity, sorority or the re-establishment of a former university organization or council that is no longer actively present on the William Paterson University campus. This provisional recognition must be maintained for a

minimum of one (1) academic semester but may not exceed beyond two (2) academic semesters. If this timeline is not met, provisional recognition given to an organization will be reviewed by the Expansion Committee. Also, organization(s) will **not** be permitted initiated new members while they maintain Provisional Status.

Steps to Attaining Recognition:

Step 1: Before appearing in front of the Expansion Committee, the organization and/or council seeking recognition must attain the following:

- Proof of affirmative vote and acceptance into an on-campus Greek council/committee. Please set-up meeting with appropriate council prior to meeting with the Expansion Committee
- Statement of support from National Organization
- Proof of Membership from National Greek Umbrella organization or proof of other support or oversight mechanism
- A minimum of Five (5) potential members with a 2.5 GPA and a minimum of 12 credits towards graduation (if the individual organization or council has a higher GPA or credit requirements such requirements supersede)
- A Constitution
- A statement of goals and intentions
- Pertinent National information including but not limited to:
 - I. National office
 - II. National President
 - III. History of organization
 - IV. Degree of supervision
- Location of five (5) nearest active chapters (please include contact information)
- Identification of an active alumni or graduate chapter which will maintain relations with the undergraduate chapter
- Verification of policies with the National Organization that prohibit hazing and discrimination
- A Full time employee of William Paterson University to serve as Campus advisor (This is in addition to a chapter advisor that may be required by the National organization. Please include contact information)

NOTE: *Organizations suspended by the university for more than two (2) consecutive semesters may not apply for provisional status until suspension is lifted.*

Step 2: Upon acquiring and fulfilling above mentioned requirements, an organization can request to present and appear before the Expansion Committee to be considered for recognition. This must be done within, but no later than the first four (4) weeks of the academic semester. In the event that a request is made beyond the four (4) timeline, an organization must wait until the following academic semester to make such request.

Step 3: When Expansion Committee convenes, organization(s) and/or council seeking recognition will present the requirements as listed in Step 1 found above; upon completion of presentation, the committee may present questions or concerns to organization(s) and/or council and will vote in favor of or against granting organization(s) and/or council provisional status upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Step 4: If an organization is granted provisional status by the Expansion Committee, said organization must present the same information at the following Greek Senate meeting at which time the Expansion Committee chairperson will report on the Expansion Committee's findings and will make a recommendation to the Greek Senate body. At this time, Greek Senate body will vote in favor of or against the motion to grant said organization(s) or council provisional status upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority present vote. If an organization(s) or council is not granted provisional status by Expansion Committee or the Greek Senate body, they can re-submit a request and re-present again the following academic semester.

NOTE: *If the Expansion Committee or Greek Senate does not approve provisional status the Expansion Committee Chair will report to the organization the reason(s) and steps to achieving successful approval.*

STEP 5: Upon being granted provisional status, an organization(s) or council has a minimum of one (1) academic semester but may not exceed beyond two (2) academic semesters to fulfill the following requirements:

- Attend all Greek Senate meetings as a non-voting member as per Greek Senate Attendance Policy
- Secure and file proof of insurance with the Office of Campus Activities and Student Leadership
- Complete a minimum of one (1) philanthropic project and one (1) service project of their choosing (of which at least once must be campus based).
- Meet regularly with the Expansion Committee and/or Expansion Committee chairperson to report on progress

NOTE: *Under Provisional Status, organization(s) may **NOT** initiate new members; violation of this clause by organization(s) may result in but is not limited to sanction(s) by the Greek Senate's Judicial Board and/or by the Expansion Committee.*

B. Probationary Status:

Probationary recognition describes the Greek Senate's conditional approval of recognition to which an organization(s) and/or council will be afforded the privileges of all fully recognized Greek Senate organizations and/or councils which includes: (a) ability to recruit, (b) ability to initiate new members, (c) the ability to hold a voting seat on the Greek Senate body, (d) the ability to request funds, (e) all other privileges afforded to member chapters or councils. An organization or council will remain in Probationary Status for no more than two semesters.

NOTE: *Any violation of the Greek Senate Constitution, that of the Student Government Association constitution and/or that of the William Paterson University's Policies and Procedures as can be found in the University Handbook may result in but is not limited to immediate loss of recognition by the Greek Senate Body.*

STEP 6: Upon completion of requirements as listed above in Step 5, organization(s) and/or council must meet with the Expansion Committee when seeking to move from Provisional Status into Probationary Status. This must also be done within but no later than the first four (4) weeks of the academic semester. Member of organization(s) and/or council present progress and upon completion of presentation, the committee will present questions or concerns to organization(s) and/or council; once again the committee

will vote in favor of or against moving organization(s) from provisional status and into probationary status upon a favorable two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

STEP 7: If an organization is granted probationary status by the Expansion Committee, said organization must present the same information at the subsequent Greek Senate meeting at which time the Expansion Committee chairperson will report on the Expansion Committee's findings and will make a recommendation to the Greek Senate body. At this time, the Greek Senate body will vote in favor of or against the motion to move said organization(s) and/or council from provisional status to probationary status upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority present vote.

***NOTE:** If the Expansion Committee or Greek Senate does not approve probationary status the Expansion Committee Chair will report to the organization the reason(s) and steps to achieving successful approval. The group may request to present again the following semester.*

STEP 8: After two (2) semesters a organization(s) and/or council in Probationary status will once again meet with the Expansion Committee to review their progress thus far. At such time, the Expansion Committee will review all facts presented to date and vote on the motion to grant organization(s) full recognition upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote.

STEP 9: If an organization is granted full status by the Expansion Committee, said organization must present the same information at the subsequent Greek Senate meeting at which time the Expansion Committee chairperson will report on the Expansion Committee's findings and will make a recommendation to the Greek Senate body. At this time, the Greek Senate body will vote in favor of or against the motion to move said organization(s) and/or council from Probationary status to full status upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority present vote.

***NOTE:** If the Expansion Committee or Greek Senate does not approve full status the Expansion Committee Chair will report to the organization the reason(s) and steps to achieving successful approval. The group may request to present again the following semester.*