

	Florida Gulf Coast University Policy Manual	Policy #4.011
	Recognition of Social Fraternities and Sororities	Responsible Executive: Vice President for Student Affairs Responsible Office: Dean of Students' Office; Student Involvement

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Social Fraternities and Sororities are student organizations that offer opportunities for leadership development, social engagement with peers, and structured and organized engagement with their host universities that develops lifelong affinities with both organizations. They are supported by national organizations with substantial alumni oversight and serve as proving grounds for future community leaders and university supporters as loyal alumni.

II. REASON FOR POLICY

This policy is created to inform students of the procedures for expansion of the Social Fraternity and Sorority community and for a Social Fraternity or Sorority to be recognized at Florida Gulf Coast University.

III. APPLICABILITY AND/OR ACCOUNTABILITY

This policy applies to any Social Fraternity or Sorority that seeks to be recognized as a Registered Student Organization at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU).

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. *Greek Governing Body*: The Boards which provide governance and direction to Registered Social Fraternities and Sororities. The current Boards are Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council.
- B. *Greek Governing Councils*: The Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, or any other council established to govern Social Fraternities or Sororities.
- C. *Greek Life Expansion Committee*: A committee composed of representatives of the recognized Social Fraternities and Sororities created to review expansion opportunities for the social Fraternity and Sorority community. The committee must include the participation of at least one Greek governing body from each Social

Fraternity or Sorority already registered at FGCU. The participating member of the Greek governing body must be a member of a Social Fraternity or Sorority. The appointee and his or her Social Fraternity or Sorority must be in good standing with the University.

- D. *Registered Student Organization*: Any student organization registered with and recognized by the Office of Student Involvement at Florida Gulf Coast University.
- E. *Social Fraternity or Sorority*: A single-gender fraternal organization that is affiliated or chartered by a National Organization and exempt from Title IX regulation. Membership in a social fraternity or sorority shall consist only of students in attendance at Florida Gulf Coast University.
- F. *National Organization*: The home office of a Social Fraternity or Sorority recognized or seeking to be recognized as a Registered Student Organization.


V. PROCEDURES

- A. Each year, a representative from the Division of Student Affairs meets with members of the Greek Governing Councils to determine the viability of expansion of the Recognized Social Fraternities and Sororities.
- B. If the Greek Governing Council has agreed to increase the number of recognized Social Fraternities and/or Sororities, a representative from the Office of Student Involvement will send invitations to the National Organizations not currently represented at FGCU and encourage them to apply for recognition of its local chapter as a Social Fraternity or Sorority.
- C. All interested organizations, and their corresponding national office, that wish to participate in the expansion process at FGCU must follow the procedures of the relevant Greek Governing Council, which can be obtained in the Office of Student Involvement.
- D. The Greek Life Expansion Committee will recommend, through the Dean of Students, to the Vice President for Student Affairs, specific Social Fraternities and Sororities that should be invited to establish chapters at FGCU.
- E. Based on the recommendations of the Greek Life Expansion Committee, the Vice President for Student Affairs, in consultation with the University President, will extend a formal offer to one or more national organizations to establish a chapter at FGCU.

VI. HISTORY

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President

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