

# New Chapter Expansion

Student Organizations & Leadership supports the formation of and grants recognition to student organizations whose purposes and activities enhance the social, cultural, recreational, and educational functions of the University. Such organizations foster valuable experiences for students that often lead to significant learning and development. Any social fraternity or sorority seeking University recognition as a new group will follow this policy:

## New Social Greek Organizations

### **1. Indicate Interest in Expansion to Sacramento State:**

For a social Greek organization to expand, the interested students or organization representatives must schedule a meeting to discuss their potential expansion interest with their SO&L Advisor. This meeting will serve as an introduction for both parties to review the Greek expansion policy and Organization Registration process to reach recognition status.

### **2. Provide Proof of 501(a) or 501(c) Status (if applicable):**

In order to comply with Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, Section 6A, all single sex Sacramento State fraternities and sororities must submit proof of their 501(a)-tax exemption status. Organizations that are exempt under Section 501(a) include those organizations that are classified within Section 501(c). Section 501(c) applies to single-sex organizations recognized by the IRS under social or fraternal designation, including but not limited to sections 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), and 501(c)(10). Interested social Greek organizations intending to be single gendered must submit the required documentation to their SO&L Advisor prior to moving onto step 3.

### **3. Obtain Membership in a Greek Council:**

Student organizations are formed for the purpose of bringing individuals together who have common goals or common interests. Student Organizations & Leadership does not recognize groups with duplicate or similar mission statements. The core principles of social fraternal organizations are similar in nature: to promote academic integrity, cultivate brotherhood/sisterhood, serve the campus and local community, provide opportunities for leadership, appreciate a specific culture or multiculturalism, strengthen character, and develop the values of confidence, honesty and dignity in members. Should an organization wish to expand with a similar mission or purpose, Student Organizations & Leadership expects the group to receive support from peer organizations in the form of an invitation to join a Greek Council. Greek Councils are formed when individual groups come together to form an umbrella organization. They act as a governing body and serve their member organizations by providing

programs, leadership opportunities, service learning, and organization recognition. The four Greek Councils at Sacramento State are the Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Panhellenic Sorority Council (PSC) and the United Sorority & Fraternity Council (USFC). In the event a new Council is interested in forming, Student Organizations & Leadership expects the new Council to present a different purpose than that of a currently recognized Council.

#### **4. Complete the Student Organizations & Leadership Organization Recognition Process:**

Recognition procedures for new organizations can be found in the Organization Recognition Process section.