

Chapter/Graduate Advisor & House Corporation Board Meeting

October 25, 2012

IMU, Michigan Room, 6:30pm

- I. Introductions & Welcome
 - a. Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon
- II. Introduction of Leslie Schacht – New Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life – Leslie
 - a. Undergraduate degree – University of Nebraska, Lincoln
 - b. Worked as a Traveling Consultant for Alpha Chi Omega for two year
 - c. Master’s degree – Iowa State University
 - d. Started at UI in June 2012
- III. Fall Recruitment/Membership Intake Recap - Leslie
 - a. Interfraternity Council Fall Recruitment – Handout
 - i. We saw another increase in the number of men who registered with close to 500 men signing up.
 - ii. Average chapter size is now 72
 - b. Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment – Handout
 - i. Also continued growth with close to 900 women registering for the process.
 - ii. Average chapter size is now 118
 - iii. PHC chapters will be reviewing/voting on a proposal to raise Campus Total to 125 – which is around median chapter size.
 - c. National Pan-Hellenic Council/Multicultural Greek Council Meet the Greeks
 - i. Program continues to gain more and more interested students. Close to 180 students registered with over 100 showing up.
 - ii. Seeing the return of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. which will add to the numbers in the NPHC Community.
 - iii. Will be starting a new Latino fraternity in the Spring – Lambda Theta Phi.
- IV. On-line form submissions for Events with Alcohol (Form A) – Leslie
 - a. Forms completed by students through OrgSync (demonstration)
 - b. Advisors and Chapter Presidents will receive an e-mail to approve
 - i. Please note: You do not have to have a “uiowa.edu” address to be able to access the approval portion.
 - c. Initial Form A must be completed by Noon on Monday
 - d. Approvals should be completed by Noon on Tuesday
 - e. Contact Leslie if you have any questions – leslie-schacht@uiowa.edu
- V. Chapter House Capacity Size Report (for those with chapter structures) – Kelly Jo
 - a. Kelly Jo worked with House Directors in Fall 2012 to collect numbers of the Maximum Chapter Capacity of any facilities, as well as what the Current Chapter Capacity is.
 - b. Handout
 - c. Please confirm numbers for accuracy
 - d. FSL receives many requests from other chapters throughout the year for chapter sizes for other groups. We will try and keep this updated annually.

- VI. Fire Suppression System Report (for those with chapter structures) – Kelly Jo
- a. Kelly Jo worked with House Directors in Fall 2012 to collect the Fire Suppression Status for each chapter with a facility.
 - b. Handout
 - c. Please confirm information.
 - d. Currently, there is not a mandate by the city that requires facilities to have fire suppression systems, however, we know that there has NEVER been a fire related death in a house in the US that has a fire suppression system.
 - e. As chapters have upcoming renovations or capital campaigns, considering adding this to your list of items to add to your facility. Two Alumni Advisors spoke about the ease of fundraising for this capital improvement, as it is something “tangible” that alumni are willing to support in the vein of “safety of the membership.”
- VII. Discussion around issues of the alcohol cultural with our chapters – Kelly Jo & Bill
- a. Upcoming Fraternity Alcohol Summit for IFC Fraternity Presidents & Fraternity Chapter Advisors
 - i. **Sunday, November 11, 2012, 1pm – 3pm, South Room**
 - ii. In light of the closing of one of our IFC fraternities and issues with other chapters, information continues to surface around the issues of alcohol and other risky behavior with our IFC fraternities...particularly within hours of New Members joining the chapters. Issues with unregistered events with alcohol becoming the “norm” in our chapter facilities after hours is also a concern.
 - iii. We understand that the issues are not SOLELY an IFC issue, as our women are often attending events. However, we will start with conversations with the IFC men and their advisors to try to begin and address some of the problems.
 - iv. We would also like to include any Regional Directors for the IFC chapters at this meeting if they can attend.
 - v. There was a request for more training for house directors as it relates to confronting issues within the chapter as they are happening.
 - vi. This meeting will be led by members of the current IFC Executive Board, along with assistance from Dr. Nelson.
- VIII. Alcohol Free Programming Committee – Leslie
- a. FSL has been offering some great alcohol free programming options throughout the semester. Some of those have included:
 - i. CAB Movie Vouchers – any Greek student can pick up a free CAB movie voucher from The Hub to go and see a CAB movie for free.
 - ii. Skyfall Movie Screening – we will be renting out a theatre at Sycamore Mall on Thursday, November 15 for a 9pm showing of the new James Bond movie. We will also provide busing from the IMU to the theatre.
 - iii. Dance Marathon – Night in the Limelight – this event was held in early October at Hotel Vetro as a way for DM to thank the Greek Community for their involvement in DM each year. The night was a semi-formal event that included a DJ, giveaways, appetizers and lots of fun.
- IX. Fall 2012 Dates, Programs & Events - Leslie
- a. Trick or Treat with the Greeks, October 28, 2pm – 5pm, IMU – this is the 4th year we have hosted this event and once again saw over 500 kids and families in the IMU to celebrate the holiday with us!
 - b. Catalyst Emerging Leaders Event, November 3, 9am – 4pm, Alpha Chi Omega. This is our Emerging Leaders event and is targeting for the next chapter leaders for your chapters. The program is a one-day program that is created by and facilitated through the LeaderShape Institute.

- c. Elections:
 - i. IFC – November 4, 2012, 8pm – 10pm, McLean Hall
 - ii. PHC – November 11, 2012, 12pm – 5pm, Illinois Room, IMU
 - iii. MGC – November 27, 2012, 12:30pm, IMU
 - iv. NPHC – November 29, 2012, 7:30pm, IMU
- d. IFC, MGC, NPHC & PHC Officer Installation – December 9, 2012 – 4pm, Bijou Theatre – invitations for House Directors, Presidents and Advisors will be coming soon!
- e. New Officer Transition (IFC, MGC, NPHC & PHC) – December 8, 2012, 10am – 2pm, IMU – this training will be held for all outgoing and all incoming council officers for our four councils.

X. Spring 2013 Dates, Programs & Events – Kelly Jo

- a. **Handout** – please check out the important dates for the spring! This is information that will be provided to all new chapter presidents and council officers.
 - i. Current Issues and Leadership in Fraternity & Sorority Life Class – Tuesdays, 3:30pm – 5:20pm
 - ii. Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Advance – January 25 – 26, 2013
 - iii. Dance Marathon – February 1-2, 2013
 - iv. AFLV/NBGLC Conference – February 7-10, 2013
 - v. Greek Week 2013 – April 14-20, 2013
 - vi. NPHC Stroll Competition – April 20, 2013

XI. Additional Topics:

- a. Questions about Residence Life Policy related to breaking contracts
 - i. The question has been asked again about the policies for breaking contracts to let men out of their residence hall contracts. Currently, if any student would like to be released from their Housing Contract, they generally have to pay 80% of their remaining contract from the time of which they would like to break the contract.
 - ii. We have worked in the past with University Housing for fraternities that are signing men over the summer, to have the opportunity to help a man break his contract to move into the fraternity house. However, there have been some clear requirements that the chapter has to meet in order to be eligible for this offer (e.g. arrest and citation rates, chapter and new member GPA's, current fire and city inspection paperwork).

XII. House Director's Report

- a. The UI House Directors just hosted the annual State of Iowa House Director's Conference in October. They were able to tie into a national known speaker by the name of Mike Dilbeck, in which FSL already had coming to campus.

XIII. Chapter Announcements

- a. TKE is working with Counseling Services at Iowa on some mental health issue programming and strongly recommended the programs to others.
- b. Chi Omega has questions about the Philanthropy Forms and making sure that conversations with the chapters were had about "Rain Back-up Dates".

XIV. Next Meeting:

- a. Monday, November 26, 2012, Michigan Room, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Minutes will be posted on the website www.uiowafsl.com, "Resources" tab and then "Alumni Information"