

UI Chapter/Graduate Advisor & House Corporation Board

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2009

IMU, Ohio State, 6:30pm

I. Introductions & Welcome

- a. Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Chi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha

II. Guest: Dr. Tom Rocklin, Interim Vice President for Student Services

- a. VP Rocklin spoke about his concerns with the arrest and citation rates of the fraternities and sororities. He stated that he has two major concerns:
 - i. Student's health and safety – our rates are higher than other peer institutions, so it is just not "all campuses have high rates".
 - ii. He has a concern about the values and standards of the fraternity & sorority community. Greeks are two times more likely to be cited than non-Greeks. Two-thirds of the fraternity community's citation rates are above the "regular student" population, and 80% of the sorority community's citation rates are above the "regular student" population.
 1. It was also found that the rates were higher when the chapters were "wet" and alcohol was allowed in the fraternities, so adding alcohol back into the fraternity chapter houses, is not the answer to lowering the rates.
- b. He has challenged the Greek Community to respond to change this behavior. A reasonable goal is that within two (2) years, the rate will match that of the "general" student body or better.
- c. Concerned was raised over the fact that the arrest & citation reports come out a semester after the incidents and was there a way to make this process more streamline and within "real time". Melissa and Kelly Jo are going to explore some ideas related to this.
- d. VP Rocklin spoke about the university's stand on alcohol overall.
 - i. They are looking to expand their jurisdiction, as it relates to involvements with cited students.
 - ii. They are also looking into more late night programming, as the lack of "other things to do" is evident.
- e. There is a high need for more engaged volunteers to work with our chapters.
- f. There was a discussion about how we can recruit better members.
 - i. Students seem to already come into the organizations with a lot of experiences with alcohol.
- g. It was asked as to whether or not we could check arrest and citation records, prior to asking members to join. It was stated that any arrest or citation should be public record, and that those can be searched at: <http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/ESAWebApp/SelectFrame>. Under "Trial Court", click on "Case Search". You can type in first name, last name and middle if you know it.
- h. We need to also make sure that your chapter rosters are the most up to date at all time, as this is what is used to pull your chapters arrest and citation records. If you have the name of a former member still on your roster, and they are arrest and cited, it will still show up on your roster, if the chapter did not remove them.

- i. Chapters were asked how they were handling individual members who have been arrested or cited. Here are some of the responses:
 - i. Alpha Delta Pi – 1st offense – they have a meeting with the woman, she has to do community service hours and must write a letter of apology to the advisors and leadership members. 2nd offense – the woman can only attend 1 social with alcohol for the semester and her membership is discussed.
 - ii. Delta Zeta – their policies do not allow for any probation or suspension for new members, so they can release any new member at any point if arrested or cited.
 - iii. Gamma Phi Beta – they have tried to institute the policy that if a woman is “forth coming” prior to the chapter receiving the report, that their punishment may be less severe.
 - iv. General – look to add a presentation as a sanction. The presentation should be to the chapter about an alcohol-related topic.

III. New Alcohol Task Force – Kelly Jo

- a. Kelly Jo has asked several, chapter presidents, council officers, chapter advisors, house directors, as well as university faculty and staff to serve on the task force. Their goal will be to make recommendations in the areas of programming, education and policy, in order to help with the reduction of rates for all chapters. The hope is that the ATF will have its first meeting set by mid-October.
- b. One suggestion from the Fraternity & Sorority Life Class was that we need to do a better job of making sure that the downtown bars understand our policies and procedures for events. Melissa, Kelly Jo and the two Vice Presidents for Programming will be meeting with the downtown bar owners/managers on Wednesday, September 30th.

IV. Alcohol Skills Training Program – report – Melissa/Katie

- a. The ASTP report from Health Iowa was distributed. The results showed that the program was effective for members and their knowledge and understanding of how alcohol affects them.

V. Fall IFC & PHC Recruitment and NPHC Meet the Greeks Follow-up – Melissa

- a. Melissa distributed the current numbers for all chapters, as it relates to formal recruitment, summer recruitment (IFC) and informal recruitment. Chapters are to be updating those numbers with Melissa ASAP.

VI. New Logo & Marketing Plan Follow-up – Kelly Jo

- a. Part of the marketing plan was distributed for advisors to see what some of the new programs that may come as a result of the marketing plan. We will be “mapping” the marketing plan with the Npower study from 2006.

VII. House Director’s Report

- a. The House Directors will be hosting the State House Director’s Conference here in Iowa City in October. House Directors from Iowa State, Drake and Simpson have been invited to participate.

VIII. Other Agenda Items

- a. The University of Iowa fraternity and sorority community will be participating in the Center for the Student of the College Fraternity's (CSCF) Fraternity/Sorority Experience Survey. All of the 11 communities within the Big 10 have agreed to take the survey and we will be able to compare our data to other Big 10 institutions.
- b. The survey will go out in early November and wrap by Thanksgiving break. It is an on-line survey. You can check out more information at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~cscf/assessment.htm>

IX. Chapter Announcements

- a. Delta Chi would like to invite everyone to attend the dedication of their new library on October 10th at 1pm (Homecoming Saturday).

X. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6:30pm, Lucas Dodge Room, Iowa Memorial Union

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