

The University of Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life

Alcohol Task Force

Position Impact

To provide suggestions and ideas to the governing councils, individual chapters and professional staff of programs, strategies and policies that will assist the Fraternity and Sorority Community in the reduction of arrest and citation rates in the Iowa City area.

Performance Standards & Indicators of Success

The task force will be divided up into one of three sub-committees that will focus on the areas of programming, education/awareness and policies, as they relate to alcohol and the fraternity and sorority community. Each sub-committee should consider the following:

- Programming
 - Who should the programming efforts be focused on?
 - What are we doing that is currently working and what new programming efforts should be implemented?
 - Who are groups/organizations that we can partner with that might benefit from alcohol programming?
 - What are some creative funding resources to assist with the costs of alcohol programming?
 - What kind of programs will work in assisting with this alcohol issue?
- Education & Awareness
 - Who are the audiences that need to be aware of the policies and procedures of the UI Fraternity & Sorority Community, as it relates to alcohol?
 - What do we need to educate these audiences about, as it relates to alcohol?
 - Are there “passive” campaigns that can provide education/awareness?
 - What education should we provide to potential members about alcohol and arrest and citation rates? Parents? Current members? Alumni? University Offices?
- Policies
 - What policies within the governing council should be written or changed to assist in the reduction of the arrest and citation rates?
 - What responsibility (within policies) does the IFC & PHC have in holding chapters accountable for high arrest and citation rates?
 - How do we reward chapters who are decreasing their rates?
 - How do we sanction chapters who continue to have high rates with no reduction?
 - Can/should we provide chapters a “menu” of possible ways that they can sanction/hold members accountable for their individual arrest and citations?

The task force should keep in mind the following while preparing their recommendations:

- The goal of the task force is not for the members to do the “work” to assist in the reduction of the rates, but to provide the framework, guidance and ideas for the community, governing councils, chapters or staff working with Fraternity and Sorority life.
- The committee will have guidelines for providing their recommendations, including who is responsible, details of the recommendation, timelines for completion, and indicators for success.

Commitment Required

The time frame for this task force is 3-5 months with the first meeting by October 15, 2009. The target completion date will be February 29, 2010. The time commitment during these months will fluctuate based on the various stages of discussions and meetings. Task force members can expect to spend approximately 3-5 hours per month, depending on the internal deadlines that will be set by their sub-committee.

Support

Each sub-committee will receive guidance, and support from Dr. Bill Nelson, Kelly Jo Karnes or Melissa Shaub from the Office of Student Life. Each professional staff member will chair a sub-committee.