

# **Student Interest Group Recognition Policy of the Interfraternity Council Kennesaw State University**

## Article I. Student Interest Group Recognition

- Section I. The Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, in conjunction with the Department of Student Life, will determine and authorize all actions related to implementing a process to recognize a student interest group in the event of extenuating and compelling circumstances only.
- A. Inter/national organizations may not approach Kennesaw State University students. The initiative must originate from the students. Any organization found to have violated this requirement may be ineligible for recognition.
- Section II. The Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life does not recognize interest groups not affiliated with an inter/national organization.
- Section III. An interest group of an inter/national organization desiring recognition as a colony of the Interfraternity Council must submit a detailed statement indicating the group's purposes, goals, and reasons an additional fraternity is both needed and desirable.
- A. Upon receipt of the statement outlined above, the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life will review the statement and consider whether the establishment of a new colony is necessary and presently appropriate.
- Section IV. If a need for a new organization is determined by the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the student interest group will be invited to submit a proposal for colonization.
- A. The proposal must respond to the information requested below:
- a. Inter/National Organization Information
    - i. National organization's name
    - ii. Name, title, and contact information of inter/national office staff responsible for supporting colonization process
    - iii. Organization structure
      1. Staffing structure
      2. Budget and finance information
    - iv. Number of chapters/colonies and locations
    - v. Names and locations of chapters near Kennesaw State University within 100 miles.
    - vi. National website
    - vii. Mission/goal statement of the organization
    - viii. Inter/national convention, leadership programs, regional meetings, trainings, calendar and expectations of the chapter for participation in such events.
    - ix. Information on scholarship, service, and philanthropy programs/projects

- x. Copies of organization constitution, bylaws, and other rules and policies of the organization.
  - xi. Organizational statement on risk management, including hazing, alcohol, sexual assault, mental health, etc.
  - xii. Copies of literature and publications of the organization.
  - xiii. Requirements for membership.
  - xiv. Inter/national policies and procedures regarding housing of collegiate chapters.
  - xv. Copy of organization insurance policy with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.
  - xvi. For organizations seeking to return to campus – reason for leaving campus, when, and what measures are in place to ensure a more ideal outcome.
- b. Alumni Information
- i. Alumni interest in establishing a chapter (number of area alumni, number interested in assisting the colony/chapter, number of undergraduate, graduate, or faculty/staff members at Kennesaw State University).
  - ii. Training program(s) for chapter advisors, housing corporation members, and other volunteers assisting the colony/chapter.
  - iii. Policy regarding alumni initiation (if applicable).
- c. Summary of Colonization Plan
- i. Target membership of colony at KSU
  - ii. Financial assistance the inter/national office and area alumni are prepared to provide the colony/chapter.
  - iii. New member education program/curriculum, including: goals, objectives, length of program, supervision of program.
  - iv. Resources and materials available to colony/chapter from the inter/national organization.
  - v. Inter/national on-site support and supervision for the new colony.
  - vi. Scholarship programming and requirements expected of the colony/chapter.
  - vii. Explanation of national and colony/chapter dues.
  - viii. Training and transition programming for new officers.
  - ix. Membership qualifications, recruitment policies, and techniques.
  - x. Expectations for colony/chapter philanthropy and community service programs.
  - xi. Policies and procedures for accountability and disciplining of colonies/chapters.
  - xii. Membership development programs expected of the colony/chapter, including hazing, alcohol, drugs, sexual assault/harassment, diversity and inclusion, leadership development, academic skills.
  - xiii. Number of successful and unsuccessful colonization in the last five years. A brief explanation of unsuccessful colonization attempts.
  - xiv. Contact information of the FSA for the last five expansions.

- Section V. If the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life determines the submitted proposal has merit and believes the group can make a positive contribution to the fraternity and sorority community, then the proposal and supporting materials will be distributed to the Interfraternity Council.
- A. A review committee comprised of the IFC Executive Council and the IFC Advisor will conduct a thorough review of the application materials and will make a recommendation on if the organization will be invited to present to the Interfraternity Council.
  - B. If granted a presentation, the student interest group will be invited to make a presentation to the Interfraternity Council, members of the Greek Community, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.
  - C. The review committee will analyze the evaluations provided from individuals who attend the presentation and information provided by the student interest group and develop a recommendation to be presented to the IFC General Body.
    - a. The review committee retains the option to recommend that:
      - i. No invitation should be extended to the student interest group;
      - ii. An invitation to colonize as an associate member fraternity should be extended to the student interest group.
  - D. The IFC General Body must approve the recommendation by a two-thirds vote.

Section VI. In the event a student interest group is granted associate member status by the IFC General Body the newly recognized colony must comply with all sections outlined in Article II of this Expansion & Colonization Policy