Fraternity & Sorority Life

Slides and notes available on cfli.wisc.edu and fsl.cfli.wisc.edu
What is a fraternity/sorority?

- Values based student organization
- Founded by groups of students at various times to create space for students to connect around a variety of purposes
- Have a national organization that provides guidance
- Men’s and women’s groups
  - Gender inclusive policies/practices
- Academic, cultural, and religious organizations
Why a fraternity/sorority?

• Leadership opportunities
• Personal/professional development
• Relationships
• Philanthropy and service
• Lifelong commitment and alumni opportunities
Fraternity & Sorority Life Community Overview

• 60 organizations – known as chapters
  • Each chapter is part of one of our four governing councils
• Over 4,500 students are members of one of our fraternities/sororities
• Half of chapters have a chapter house/facility
• Sponsored by the Center for Leadership & Involvement
Interfraternity Council (IFC)

- Men’s groups
- 27 chapters
- Average chapter size is 63
- Recruitment process:
  - Fall and spring semesters
  - Kick-off event hosted by IFC
  - Individual chapter events

Fall 2019 Dates:
Tabling: Sunday, September 1
Info Session & Chapter Presentations: Monday, September 2
Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

• Men’s and women’s groups
• Culturally based organizations—Asian, Latinx, Native American, Multicultural organizations
• 12 chapters
• Average chapter size is 13
• Recruitment/intake process
  • Chapter driven
  • Begin with chapter informational and then attend individual chapter events
  • Fall and spring semesters – usually only once per academic year

Fall 2019 Dates:
WayUP: Friday, September 6
Student Organization Fair:
  Wednesday, September 11 & Thursday, September 12
Melanin Fest: Friday, September 13
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

• Men’s and women’s groups
• Historically black greek-lettered organizations (BGLOs), known as the Divine Nine
• 6 chapters
• Average chapter size is 9
• Intake process
  • Chapter driven
  • Begin with chapter informational and then apply for membership and attend individual chapter events
  • Fall and spring semesters – usually only once per academic year

Fall 2019 Dates:
WayUP: Friday, September 6
Student Organization Fair: Wednesday, September 11 & Thursday, September 12
Melanin Fest: Friday, September 13
Panhellenic Association (PHA)

- All women’s groups
- 14 chapters
- Average chapter size is 213

Recruitment process
- Primary recruitment: fall semester
- Continuous Open Recruitment: after primary recruitment in fall and spring semesters
  - Only for chapters that are eligible, usually by invitation only

Fall 2019 Dates:
  - Orientation: Monday, September 2
  - Round One: Thursday, September 5 & Friday, September 6
  - Round Two: Sunday, September 8
  - Round Three: Friday, September 13
  - Preference: Saturday, September 14
  - Bid Day: Sunday, September 15
Joining & New Member Period

• Recruitment process – dependent on council
  • MCOR (Sept 4) & Student Org Fair (Sept 12 & 13) are great places to start
• Invitation to membership, should they receive one
• New Member Education
  • ActWIse requirement
• Initiation
Unrecognized & Disassociated Groups

• The University recommends that students not join or participate in any activities by groups that have been terminated/disassociated from University recognition due to increased safety concerns as these groups are not accountable to any University policies or procedures:
  • Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity
  • Chi Phi Fraternity, 200 Langdon
  • Kappa Sigma Fraternity
  • Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, Sammy
  • Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
  • Theta Chi Fraternity
Advice & Recommendations

• Support your student!
• Take time to learn about fraternities/sororities
  • Research the organization(s) your student is interested in joining
• Ask questions and seek to understand
• Stay connected to the organization
• Reach out with questions/concerns
Questions?

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