

NEW MEMBER SELECTION, ORIENTATION AND EDUCATION PLEDGE

As the chapter officer responsible for seeing that the Inter-Greek Council and SUNY Geneseo rules and regulations concerning new member recruitment, education and initiation/activation are followed by the members of our fraternity/sorority, I hereby certify that the following will be adhered to in my chapter's new member (pledge) recruitment activities, rush activities, pledge education program, initiation ceremonies or other similar events and activities.

COLLEGE POLICY ON HAZING AND PRE-INITIATION PRACTICES

SUNY Geneseo has adopted the Fraternity Executives Association "Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Practices" as College policy. The "Statement of Position" defines HAZING as:

Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations may include paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue; physical psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any such activities carried outside the confines of the house; wearing, publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of SUNY Geneseo.

In addition to the above statement, Geneseo will recognize any action or situation which creates any substantive risk to an individual as a violation of hazing policy.

RULES ON PUBLIC ORDER

SUNY Geneseo, in its Student Code of Conduct states that all members of the college community are required to abide by the statutory Rules of Public Order (Section 6450) of the New York State Education Law printed in the Undergraduate Bulletin Section L that specifically states:

No person, either singly or in concert with others shall...

Take any action, create or participate in the creation of any situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or which involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into affiliation with any organization.

NEW YORK STATE PENAL LAW – HAZING

Section 120.16 Hazing in the first degree.

A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another persons initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such a person or a third person and thereby causes such injury.

Hazing in the first degree is a class A misdemeanor.

Section 120.17 Hazing in the second degree

A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another persons initiation or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or third person.

Hazing in the second degree is a violation.

I understand that these regulations apply both to individual members and the chapter as a whole and that failure to comply with these rules and regulations could result in disciplinary action against the chapter involved by the Inter-Greek Council Judicial Board, the Greek Affairs Council or appropriate college officials which could result in the chapter being barred from the Geneseo campus. I further certify that this statement will be read in its entirety to the general membership of my chapter and each semester a copy is given to each new potential member at the beginning of the pledge/education process.

Organization

President

Date

New Member Educator