Inter Greek Council at SUNY Geneseo Resolution On Alcohol

WHEREAS, the Inter Greek Council at SUNY Geneseo was formed to promote high standards of scholastic achievement and social conduct; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Inter Greek Council is to preserve and ensure the integrity, health and longevity of the Greek system at SUNY Geneseo; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of alcohol by college students detracts from the mission of higher education and the founding values of Greek organizations and endangers students health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Greek community recognizes these dangers and wishes to promote sound risk management; and

WHEREAS, the image and reputation of fraternities and sororities is of the utmost importance and that abuse of alcohol tarnishes this image; and

WHEREAS, past rush events have created an opportunity for alcohol use by students under the legal drinking age of 21 resulting in an increase in alcohol related incidents; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Greek rush process should be to recruit the highest quality of members each Greek organization understands that alcohol may not assist in this process; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each Greek organization reaffirms the Inter Greek Council Constitution policies related to alcohol and will educate its members about the policies and consequences for violating them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inter Greek Council will create a program to monitor and enforce adherence to the Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each fraternity and sorority will initiate steps to educate its members annually about the dangers and liabilities related to the misuse and abuse of alcohol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Greek organization implement its own alcohol regulations and procedures based on IGC recommended guidelines so as to not take away the rights of organizations to manage their own affairs, but to encourage social responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the College, the Inter Greek Council, and its member organizations will work together toward implementing a system which de-

emphasizes the excessive use of alcohol beverages; promotes responsible and lawful drinking habits; restricts activities likely to lead to the excessive use of alcohol beverages; and conforms to applicable College, Village of Geneseo, and New York State laws, regulations, and ordinances not just during rush, but throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all sorority and fraternity chapters on the SUNY Geneseo campus will observe and respect a dry rush period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inter Greek Council rush process should be restructured to support the dry rush policy.

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