

Relationship Statement of Expectations and Services

In order for all members of the campus and village communities to serve as positive entities in the nature of fraternity and sorority activities, a cooperative relationship between the College and recognized Greek organizations must exist. Essential to this relationship is the understanding of the expectations that each group has of the other, and of the services provided by the College to these organizations. It also includes understanding the rules for participating in the Inter-Greek Council system and the sanctions for violations of policies.

It is important that this relationship focus on the education and development of the fraternities and sororities, and work to help members reach their potential and act as positive and productive members of the academic community.

Fraternities and sororities are not independent organizations but are part of the College. Therefore, the College seeks to nurture and assist student groups in the accomplishment of those goals that support the College's mission.

Greek organizations were founded to advance the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service to others. They should actively seek to promote these ideals and minimize those activities that are in conflict with these standards.

The right of fraternities and sororities to exist as part of the College brings with it a high level of responsibility. To achieve mutual success for the College and its Greek organizations, there must exist a trust and a shared responsibility. This begins with mutual support for each other's goals, and sharing resources when possible and appropriate.

Expectations and Responsibilities of Fraternities and Sororities

Fraternities and sororities would have the following responsibilities:

- To promote academic excellence and intellectual activities related to the academic mission of the College.
- To maintain a rush recruitment program in accordance with Inter-Greek Council, College rules and regulations, and New York State Law.
- To manage their own affairs (i.e., become self-regulating), with the assistance of both a Greek and faculty/staff advisor.
- To participate in College and Inter-Greek Council educational training programs for leaders.
- To maintain property, owned or rented, in conformity with zoning regulations, village building codes and community standards.
- To demonstrate the ability to be good neighbors to those private citizens who live in homes surrounding fraternity and sorority houses.
- To respect and observe College codes and policies, as well as village, town, country, state and federal laws.
 - To cooperate with public officials in the maintenance of Public Order.
 - To observe and enforce New York State Law with regard to alcohol and other drugs.
 - To comply with College policies and New York State laws on hazing.
 - To maintain and adhere to a risk management policy in accordance with national standards and the College.
- To carry appropriate group liability insurance.
- To promote and practice high standards of ethics.

College Regulations and Governance

Standards are an important component in a community. The College has established expectations for both individuals and groups. All rules and regulations set forth by the College, including those contained in the Student Handbook, Update, Undergraduate Bulletin and the Student Organization Handbook are applicable to all recognized student clubs and organizations and they will be held responsible for violation of any such regulations.

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Center for Community Mission Statement:

The Center for Community has as its primary function the advancement of the mission of the Division of Student and Campus Life and of the College through integration of the offices of the Dean of Students, Multicultural Affairs, Leadership Development, Orientation & First-Year Programs, Greek Affairs & Off-Campus Living, Judicial Affairs and Student Volunteerism & Service Learning. The Center fosters the development of responsible, productive and engaged citizens through collaborative efforts within the Geneseo community. Respect, responsibility, and critical thinking are underlying values that set the tone for the advancement of broad leadership, communication and life skills, and are enhanced through service learning and learning by doing within a diverse society.

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SUNY Geneseo & Greek Organizations

Statement of Relationship

Rights and Responsibilities

Geneseo

Division of Student and Campus Life

Expectations and Services of the College

It is the College's responsibility to nurture and assist student groups in the attainment of academic excellence and leadership training, and the accomplishment of those goals which support the College's mission.

To this end, the College should aid campus Greek organizations in the following ways:

- Provide Greek organizations with the rights bestowed by Geneseo's policies and procedures, as well as by federal, state and local laws and statutes.
- Provide the right of recognition in accordance with College policies.
- Provide the right to request available expertise and information from the College regarding all aspects of fraternity and sorority operations.
- Provide notice of changes in expectations, policies or procedures.
- Provide reasonable utilization of College facilities, including the use of College facilities and rooms for meetings and events, lobby tables for fundraising activities and bulletin board space in the College Union for promoting chapter activities and honors.

- Allow for the participation in social, recreational and intramural programs, with opportunities to work with other student organizations, such as Activities Commission and residence halls, to sponsor campus events and programs.
- Support, recognize, encourage and train faculty, staff and administrators to be advisors to Greek organizations.
- Establish minimum expectations defining the roles of advisors.
- Provide staff assistance, special staff support and guidance to individual fraternities and sororities, as well as the Greek governance system.
- Provide training for the Greek Judicial Committee.
- Assist in sponsoring educational and skill workshops for new members of all fraternities and sororities.
- Coordinate specialized educational workshop and training programs for the leaders of fraternities and sororities.
- Compile grade point averages each semester and provide members with access to academic assistance as needed.
- Produce and distribute information regarding hazing.
- Aid in the production and distribution of informational brochures and rush guidelines.
- Coordinate rush in conjunction with the Inter-Greek Council.
- Provide technical assistance for appropriate fundraising activities.
- Assist in identifying community service projects.
- Facilitate access and information to legal information provided through SA legal counsel, SUNY Council or other legal authorities.
- Provide use of student services available to all individuals and organizations.
- Through the Geneseo Foundation, assist in the facilitation, purchase and maintenance of homes, establish scholarship funds and support other activities of Greek life, as they relate to the mission of the College.
- Provide access to publicity and public relations services available through the Office of Communications and Publications.
- Provide assistance with alumni activities through the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.
- Provide assistance in the dissemination of publicity to faculty, staff and administrators.
- Provide information and documentation for national organizations required for scholarships and foundation activities.
- Work to access the strengths and weaknesses of individual chapters, and Greek organizations as a whole.

Academic Expectations

Academic expectations are critical components of this relationship. The primary purpose of attending a college or university is to receive an education. Fraternities and sororities must be committed to this ideal, affirming that scholarship is the most important aspect of the college experience.

- Fraternities and sororities will maintain a chapter grade point average each semester in accordance with College policies governing Greek organizations.
- The Inter-Greek Council should establish a GPA minimum of 2.25 for group recognition.
- Daily study hours should be sponsored Sunday through Thursday during the pledging/new member education program.
- In cooperation with the Division of Student and Campus Life, the Inter-Greek Council will sponsor a time-management workshop for all pledges/new members.
- Students should maintain a 2.0 GPA at SUNY Geneseo in order to remain an active member of a Greek organization.
- Students will have earned a minimum of 15 college credits (counting AP credits) to be eligible to join a fraternity or sorority. If students enter Geneseo with more than 15 credits, they must have at least one full semester in residence at Geneseo, before being allowed to join a Greek organization. Students over the age of 21 or transfer students with at least a 3.5 and 15 credits from another institution may appeal these guidelines to the Vice President for Student and Campus Life or designee.