Interfraternity Council
Louisiana State University
Fraternity Expansion Policy

When it is determined that a new group is needed to strengthen the Greek community, the procedures outlined below will be followed by the Interfraternity Council. The purpose of these procedures is to insure that expansion of Greek letter organizations occurs in a manner, which includes a carefully developed plan that is conducive to the educational mission of LSU. This provides maximum opportunity for successful colonization and a meaningful and rewarding experience for the students within the Greek community.

All social, men’s fraternities seeking to colonize/expand to the LSU campus after shall be required to follow the procedures set forth by this policy.

Prior to the IFC Fraternity Expansion Policy being initiated, the fraternity must be approved by the Greek Life review committee per the Greek Life New/Returning Fraternity and Sorority Expansion/Re-Organization/Re-Chartering/Re-Activation Policy.

I. Procedures for Expansion

Fraternity expansion for (Inter)National and local fraternities can occur in three ways:

1. Through a formal expansion plan approved by IFC and the Assistant Dean of Students of Greek Life,
2. Through receiving a formal petition for recognition by an interest group, after the organization has been approved by the Greek Life review committee
3. Through reviewing a formal petition for recognition by a group coming off a disciplinary loss of University recognition, after the organization has been approved by the Greek Life review committee

A. Procedures for formal Expansion Plan by the IFC Executive Committee

1. Determine need for Expansion
2. IFC executive committee gains approval from the IFC and the Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life to begin expansion.
3. IFC establishes an expansion committee.
4. IFC determines number of organizations to be involved in the expansion plan based on need and resources. Consideration may be given to fraternities who previously had a chapter at LSU.
5. The expansion committee advertises expansion and then reviews information and selects no more than three groups, out of the groups that applied, to be invited to make on-campus presentations.
6. Fraternities making on-campus presentations will meet with the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life, the IFC expansion committee, and the IFC executive committee.
7. IFC will provide a checklist of expectations to the groups. Following the presentations, the IFC expansion committee will send a recommendation to the IFC Exec. Board, IFC, and the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life.

8. The IFC will by 2/3 vote approve the fraternity invited to colonize.

**B. Procedures for Petitioning Groups**

1. Prior to initiating contact with potential new student members, the Greek letter organization must gain approval from the IFC and the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life for expansion.

2. Submit information requested in Section II to the IFC and Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life. IFC will provide a checklist of expectations to the chosen group.

3. IFC Executive board will establish an Expansion Committee.

4. Schedule presentation and meetings with the IFC and Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life, the IFC expansion committee, and the IFC executive committee.

5. Following the presentation, the IFC expansion committee sends recommendations to the IFC Executive Board and the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life.

6. The IFC will by 2/3 vote approve the fraternity invited to colonize.

**C. Procedures for a Group coming off disciplinary loss of University recognition or removal of charter by National headquarters or local alumni board.**

1. After duration of University loss of recognition or removal of charter by national headquarters or local alumni board, meet with the IFC executive committee and Assistant Dean of Greek Life to discuss possible re-colonization and receive a list of criteria to be met to return to LSU as an active chapter. IFC will provide a checklist of expectations to the chosen group.

2. Submit information requested in Section II and C.2 to the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life.

3. IFC establishes an expansion committee.

4. Schedule presentations and meetings with the Assistant Dean of Students Greek Life, the IFC expansion committee, and the IFC executive committee.

5. Following the presentation, the IFC will vote if the organization has met the criteria set forth by the IFC executive committee. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is needed for the organization to re-colonize.
II. Materials to be included in the petition for colonization

1. Logistical Information
   a. Name of fraternity
   b. Founding Date
   c. History with LSU
   d. Current number of colonies
   e. Current number of undergraduate members
   f. Average chapter size
   g. Number of chapters closed in the last five years and reasons for closing
   h. Membership Costs: new member, initiation fees, insurance, regular dues

2. Program Policies
   a. Position on Risk Management
   b. Position on Hazing
   c. Length/focus of new member program
   d. Minimum standards of potential new members
   e. Scholarship program
   f. Community Service program
   g. Constitution and By-laws
   h. How the organization plans to meet the requirements of the LSU Greek Assessment Program.

3. Colonization
   a. List and status of colonies established in last five years
   b. Procedures
   c. Ongoing support for colony
      i. field staff visits
      ii. recruitment support
      iii. additional resources
   d. Criteria for chartering: to include minimum number of students pledged to establish a secure colony
   e. Housing Expectations: Indicate housing expectations of the University.
4. Organizational structure
   a. List of all chapters and locations
   b. Volunteer Support
      i. district
      ii. local

5. Resources
   a. (Inter)National Headquarters
      i. Foundation Scholarships/loans
      ii. Housing Support/ (Inter)National Housing Corporation
      iii. Leadership schools or conventions
      iv. Publications
   b. Baton Rouge/Nearest Chapter
      i. Number of alumni in Baton Rouge
      ii. List of alumni committed to serve as advisors and house corporation
          members (including their contact information).

III. Colonization Procedure
   A. Organizations selected to colonize or re-colonize must meet the following criteria:
      1. Recruit at least 30 full-time, LSU undergraduate students.
      2. Representatives must attend all IFC meetings and all members are strongly
         encouraged to participate in every facet of the Greek community.
      3. Meet the requirements as set forth by the LSU Greek Assessment program.
      4. Secure the support of a University advisor.
      5. The colony shall maintain an active alumni committee consisting of at least five
         alumni, with one being designated as the chapter advisor. This committee shall be
         trained by the (Inter)National fraternity. The chapter advisor should attend all
         meetings of the active chapter and scheduled meetings for advisors by the Office
         of Greek Life.
      6. The chapter must abide by all IFC and University policies, regulations, and
         guidelines.
      7. The group must remain a colony for at least one academic semester, yet has
         only two years to fulfill membership obligations.

   B. Active IFC membership becomes automatic when the fraternity begins the
      colonization process.

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