

Student Interest Group Recognition Policy of the Interfraternity Council Kennesaw State University

Statement on Interest Groups

Interest groups are not permitted to inform any inter/national office that they have the support of the Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life until permission is given by the department. The Kennesaw State University Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life requires contact to be made first through the Department. Once the Department has recognized that an interest group has formed, the Department will decide whether the interest group is viable and can contact an inter/national office. Interest groups will only be allowed to go through the Interest Group Recognition Policy if they follow these guidelines.

Article I. Student Interest Group Recognition

- Section I. The Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, in conjunction with the Department of Student Life, will determine and authorize all actions related to implementing a process to recognize a student interest group in the event of extenuating and compelling circumstances only.
- A. Inter/national organizations may not approach Kennesaw State University students. The initiative must originate from the students. Any organization found to have violated this requirement may be ineligible for recognition.
- Section II. The Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life does not recognize interest groups not affiliated with an inter/national organization.
- Section III. An interest group of an inter/national organization desiring recognition as a colony of the Interfraternity Council must submit a detailed statement indicating the group's purposes, goals, and reasons an additional fraternity is both needed and desirable.
- A. Upon receipt of the statement outlined above, the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life will review the statement and consider whether the establishment of a new colony is necessary and presently appropriate.
- Section IV. If a need for a new organization is determined by the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the student interest group will be invited to submit a proposal for colonization.
- A. The proposal must respond to the information requested below:
- a. Inter/National Organization Information
 - i. National organization's name
 - ii. Name, title, and contact information of inter/national office staff responsible for supporting colonization process
 - iii. Organization structure
 1. Staffing structure
 2. Budget and finance information

- iv. Number of chapters/colonies and locations
- v. Names and locations of chapters near Kennesaw State University within 100 miles.
- vi. National website
- vii. Mission/goal statement of the organization
- viii. Inter/national convention, leadership programs, regional meetings, trainings, calendar and expectations of the chapter for participation in such events.
- ix. Information on scholarship, service, and philanthropy programs/projects
- x. Copies of organization constitution, bylaws, and other rules and policies of the organization.
- xi. Organizational statement on risk management, including hazing, alcohol, sexual assault, mental health, etc.
- xii. Copies of literature and publications of the organization.
- xiii. Requirements for membership.
- xiv. Inter/national policies and procedures regarding housing of collegiate chapters.
- xv. Copy of organization insurance policy with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.
- xvi. For organizations seeking to return to campus – reason for leaving campus, when, and what measures are in place to ensure a more ideal outcome.

b. Alumni Information

- i. Alumni interest in establishing a chapter (number of area alumni, number interested in assisting the colony/chapter, number of undergraduate, graduate, or faculty/staff members at Kennesaw State University.
- ii. Training program(s) for chapter advisors, housing corporation members, and other volunteers assisting the colony/chapter.
- iii. Policy regarding alumni initiation (if applicable).

c. Summary of Colonization Plan

- i. Target membership of colony at KSU
- ii. Financial assistance the inter/national office and area alumni are prepared to provide the colony/chapter.
- iii. New member education program/curriculum, including: goals, objectives, length of program, supervision of program.
- iv. Resources and materials available to colony/chapter from the inter/national organization.
- v. Inter/national on-site support and supervision for the new colony.
- vi. Scholarship programming and requirements expected of the colony/chapter.
- vii. Explanation of national and colony/chapter dues.
- viii. Training and transition programming for new officers.
- ix. Membership qualifications, recruitment policies, and techniques.

- x. Expectations for colony/chapter philanthropy and community service programs.
- xi. Policies and procedures for accountability and disciplining of colonies/chapters.
- xii. Membership development programs expected of the colony/chapter, including hazing, alcohol, drugs, sexual assault/harassment, diversity and inclusion, leadership development, academic skills.
- xiii. Number of successful and unsuccessful colonization in the last five years. A brief explanation of unsuccessful colonization attempts.
- xiv. Contact information of the FSA for the last five expansions.

Section V. If the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life determines the submitted proposal has merit and believes the group can make a positive contribution to the fraternity and sorority community, then the proposal and supporting materials will be distributed to the Interfraternity Council.

- A. A review committee comprised of the IFC Executive Council and the IFC Advisor will conduct a thorough review of the application materials and will make a recommendation on if the organization will be invited to present to the Interfraternity Council.
- B. If granted a presentation, the student interest group will be invited to make a presentation to the Interfraternity Council, members of the Greek Community, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.
- C. The review committee will analyze the evaluations provided from individuals who attend the presentation and information provided by the student interest group and develop a recommendation to be presented to the IFC General Body.
 - a. The review committee retains the option to recommend that:
 - i. No invitation should be extended to the student interest group;
 - ii. An invitation to colonize as an associate member fraternity should be extended to the student interest group.
- D. The IFC General Body must approve the recommendation by a two-thirds vote.

Section VI. In the event a student interest group is granted associate member status by the IFC General Body the newly recognized colony must comply with all sections outlined in Article II of this Expansion & Colonization Policy