Coordination of Fraternity Life on Campus

The Office of Student Life governs fraternities. The Office is charged with such activities as policy making, policy enforcement, training, conduct monitoring, and coordinating College activities and policies with the local, state, regional/district, and national representatives of each fraternity. The Office of Student Life will conduct a mandatory in-service training seminar at the beginning of each school year for fraternity members. The Office of Student Life will also conduct Campus Wide Information Sessions for students interested in Membership-Intake at the beginning of each semester.

Fraternities exist to enhance and support the college experience. They do everything from charitable events, to intramural sports, to study groups, to social events. Fraternity organizations encourage all of their members to get involved on campus. They are also a good way for people to make friends.

The fraternity experience can help personalize your college experience by offering a scholastic support system; hands-on experience in leading committees, managing budgets, interacting with faculty and administrators; exposure to potential careers through educational programs and discussions with alumni; the opportunity to give back to the community through service projects; and close friends who will cheer you on through successes and provide support during tough times.

Alumni Involvement

The role of the alumni as advisors or national officers and consultants is substantial. Lifetime friendships expand beyond individual chapters to include all members of the national and international fraternity life community. Alumni organizations help students network for potential employment opportunities after graduation, and keep in touch through newsletters, correspondence meeting, and special alumni events.

Advisors to Fraternity Organizations

All Fraternity organizations must have a minimum of two (2) advisors who work closely with the organization and serve as its liaison with the Office of Student Life.

The Campus Advisor must be a member of the faculty or professional staff whose primary duty is to counsel the organization. The Off-Campus Advisor must be a graduate of an undergraduate institution. The Advisor should be a member in good financial standing of the organization. Advisors are subject to approval by the Office of Student Life.

In brief, duties of a Chapter Advisor include:

1. Ensuring that all activities are in keeping with College regulation
2. Ensuring that all activities are in keeping with the objectives of the national organization

3. Meeting with the chapter at all meetings where possible or have a representative present

4. Serving as an advisor and consultant on all fraternity matters

5. Serving as a liaison between the chapter and the College, local graduate chapter and all levels of the organization

6. Ensuring that students in the chapter are familiar with Georgia law on hazing

7. Giving supervision to record keeping, financial transactions, and intake activities in accordance with College and fraternity policies

Advisors or their designee(s) must attend all major functions of the organization (e.g. parties, fund raisers, etc.). If an advisor cannot attend an event, he must notify the Office of Student Life at least four (4) business days in advance of the activity. The advisor must designate another member of the faculty or staff to attend. An advisor must notify the Office of Student Life immediately, in writing, if he or she cannot continue to serve as advisor to an organization.

Fraternal organizations play an important role on the college campus. Each chapter is expected to be responsible, productive, and a cooperative member of the college community.

Much care should be given in choosing an advisor. The constant guidance and assistance that must be provided to fraternal organizations requires maturity and wisdom usually found in more experienced members, especially in the operations of the particular chapters.

Advisors are expected to help members of the undergraduate chapter develop into the kind of men of whom their organization can be proud and to whom the organization can look for assistance in carrying out its programs on the national, regional, state and local levels.