

Exceeding the Standards of Excellence

This document is designed to assist those chapters in exceeding the minimum expectations with the Standards of Excellence. Often times, chapters are going above and beyond in meetings those standards so our hope is to provide a documents that guides chapters into exceeding the standards in hopes of leading chapters to eminence over excellence. We encourage chapter members to check off as many categories as possible under each standard.

Academics Plan

- Academic plan for chapter members who exceed or do not meet chapter average
- Chapter GPA requirement exceeds the 2.5 minimum requirement
- Chapter Academic/ Scholarship Chair provide regular tips, strategies and or workshops for chapter members once a month
- Chapter provides tutoring for study skills in chapter facility (if applicable)
- Chapter invites faculty member(s) to chapter meeting, dinner or programs
- Chapter received academic recognition at national level
- Chapter members participate in campus research
- Chapter members have or participate in internships/ study abroad opportunities
- GPA exceeds the Columbus campus average and All Greek GPA
- All executive board members GPA exceeds the Columbus campus average and All Greek GPA
- Chapter recognizes members in University honors and scholars programs and those on Deans List.
- Chapter officer scholarships for chapter members who struggle to pay dues

Advisor and Alumni Standards

- Advisors attends most chapter meetings
- Chapter advisors attend chapter advisors meetings
- Chapter advisors attend regional, state and national meetings
- Chapter advisor is certified by international organization (if applicable)
- Adviser training offered to chapter advisor

Citizenship

- Chapter participates in Greek wide community service opportunities (Owl Move-In, 15th Clean Up, Greek Week service events, Hale Center Family Affair, etc.)
- Chapter hosts a chapter wide service event
- Chapter hosts a chapter wide philanthropy event
- Chapter attend or collaborates with other chapters service and philanthropy events
- Chapter participates in opportunities to address current social problems such as poverty, homelessness, women's issues etc.
- Chapter participates in advocacy and education during philanthropy and or service opportunities.

- Chapter members work to build capacities by working with the diverse constituencies of a community, building on existing assets, to solve problems (example working with City of Columbus to assist food pantry).
- Chapter has a standards and or judicial board to maintain expectation of socially responsible personal and professional behaviors to maintain a sense of responsibility to the welfare of others when making personal or professional decisions (appropriate social media, respecting other members of the sorority and fraternity community).
- Community service organizations
- Philanthropy donations
- Philanthropy organizations

Diversity Commitment

- Chapter works to increase diverse membership within the organization
- Chapter hosts or cohost a diversity event that others are invited to
- Chapter receives advocate, ally or advocate status within the intergroup relations program
- Chapter actively educates its member at using inclusive language
- Chapter ensures all theme gathering events are not degrading or targeted to specific groups or populations
- All chapter events are welcoming and inclusive of all member social identity groups (race, ethnicity, gender, religious preference, sexual identity, disability, socioeconomic background)
- Chapter reaches out to collaborate with other chapters outside typical pairings to collaborate with other chapters and councils (i.e. MCGC and PHA or IFC and NPHC with IFC or PHA)

Housing Standard

- House Director attends house director meeting
- Chapter meals are inclusive of all dietary and religious needs
- Chapter has an emergency exit plan (natural disaster plan)
- Chapter encourages chapter members who are roommate to complete a roommate contract

Recruitment Standard

- Chapter increases diversity of member involvement on campus through recruitment efforts
- Chapter membership allows for chapter operations to function properly (chapter committees, multiple officer opportunities)
- Chapter meals are inclusive of all dietary and religious needs

Safety, Health and Wellness

- Any incident that occurs at social event is documented and sent to chapter standard/ judicial board

- Chapter has more than required sober monitors
- Chapter has multiple social opportunities and or events for chapter members who choose to not drink
- Chapter has training for mental wellness for chapter members
- Chapter sober events out number chapter alcohol events 3 to 1
- Chapter reaches out to collaborate with other chapters outside typical pairings to collaborate with other chapters and councils (i.e. MCGC and PHA or IFC and NPHC with IFC or PHA)
- Chapter recognizing members who are struggling to meet all organization requirements and offers assistance rather than induce punitive punishments that can lead to stressors
- Risk management training for chapter that includes but not limited to areas of self defense, hazing prevention, sexual assault, sexual harassment, drug/ substance abuse, alcohol abuse, fire safety, CPR/ AED

Fiscal Responsibility

- Chapter has no outstanding debt to the university and or debt collectors
- Chapter budget allows flexible for emergency situations
- Chapter officers meet itemized budget lines
- Chapter has a financial plan to secure chapter assets such as chapter facility or scholarship fund
- Chapter officer scholarships for chapter members who struggle to pay dues
- Chapter offers multiple payment plans for members
- Chapter works to create financial plans and assistance for members who are 100% responsible for chapter dues

Additional Recommendations:

External Relations

- Chapter newsletter
- Events with other organizations
- Cosponsored events with other organizations (in and out of council)
- Parent/ faculty events
- Chapter recognized by another university department, office for outstanding operations, programs (etc.)
- Chapter recognized by (inter) National organization headquarters for outstanding operations, programs (etc.)

Section 3: Internal Operations

- Extensive officer transition at least once each semester
- Officer Elections on calendar year rather than academic year to be in line with Sorority and Fraternity Life calendar
- Calendar of events submitted to SFL website for open events
- One-on-one meetings with SFL staff
- Attending council meetings consistently