

# **Expansion Policy of the Interfraternity Council at Winthrop University**

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## **Section 1. Establishment**

- a) In order to establish a colony or charter (re-charter) a Chapter at Winthrop University, a fraternity must be invited to establish a group on campus. This invitation is to be issued by the Greek Life Advisor in consultation with and approval of the IFC or President.
- b) The steps a Fraternity must follow to be selected for expansion at Winthrop University are **as follows:**

## **Section 2. Steps**

- 1) Submission of a letter of interest;
- 2) Submission of all requested information, see Section 3);
- 3) **Organization(s)** submitting the required information (no fewer than two and no more than four) shall make on-campus presentations to members of the Winthrop community including students, faculty, and staff.
- 4) Submission of request to the Council of Student Leaders to be a sanctioned Winthrop University Organization.**

## **Section 3. Requested Information**

- a) Information that a Fraternity must submit in order to be considered for on-campus presentations and subsequent expansion shall include the following:
  - 1) A copy of the new member education program recommended by the (Inter) National Fraternity. This should include minimum/maximum times required for initiation, hazing policy and position statements, and a copy of the membership education (pledge) manual.
  - 2) A list of all the colonization's over the past three (3) years and current status of these colonies.
  - 3) A list of all active chapters within the state of South Carolina and within a 200 mile radius of Winthrop University and their current status.
  - 4) A complete outline of how colonization's are conducted, including recruitment methods, initial pledging or association, and who conducts these activities.
  - 5) Requirements for a colony to receive a charter. A sample time line and minimum and maximum charter times required.

- 6) A profile of alumni within a 200 mile radius and a list of alumni in the immediate area.
- 7) A copy of the (Inter) National Fraternity's Risk Policy and information on insurance coverage.
- 8) Copies of significant educational programs sponsored by the General Fraternity.
- 9) A copy of the General Fraternity's Constitution and Laws.
- 10) A copy of all policies not outlined within the Constitution and Laws that effect new colonies.
- 11) An indication of the soonest possible date colonization could take place.
- 12) General information on the fraternity.
- 13) Number, if known, of any collegiate member enrolled at Winthrop University.
- 14) Financial support provided to colonies and financial expectations of the colony.
- 15) Information regarding non-financial support (consultation visits, materials, etc.) provided to the colonies and chapters.

#### **Section 4. Presentation Criteria**

a) The criteria used for selecting fraternities for expansion presentations will be:

- 1) The fraternity shall be a member of the NIC or the NPHC.
- 2) The fraternity shall file a "Letter of Intent" with the Greek Life Advisor and the IFC along with the information outlined prior to any deadline date established by the Greek Life Advisor in consultation with the IFC.
- 3) The fraternity shall acknowledge that it's Constitution and Laws would permit the pledging/association of individuals regardless of cultural background, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, or national origin.
- 4) The fraternity shall be acceptable to the Department of Student Affairs, the Office of Greek Life, and the IFC of Winthrop University.
- 5) The fraternity shall subscribe to FIPG or have a like Risk Management Policy and comparable insurance coverage.
- 6) The fraternity shall submit evidence of an adequate number of alumni in the local area that will provide support for the local chapter.
- 7) The fraternity shall have an established national policy on the maintenance of high social standards and strong scholarship.

- 8) Special consideration will be given to fraternities that have had chapters on the Winthrop University campus. This consideration does not guarantee selection to colonize.
- 9) Consideration will be given to fraternities that have chapters at nearby colleges and universities that can provide assistance and serve as a positive role model for a new colony. This consideration does not guarantee selection to colonize.
- 10) Support from the General Fraternity (consultant visits, national and regional conferences, resource materials, special programs, etc.)
- 11) Success rates of other colonies over the last three (3) years (Greek Advisor(s) will be contacted).
- 12) General review of all materials sent.

### **Section 5. Follow Up Procedures**

a) Following the on-campus presentation, those campus groups involved in the screening process shall submit to the IFC and Greek Life Advisor a list of fraternities to be invited to campus. The IFC Executive Council and the Greek Life Advisor shall select the fraternity or fraternities to be invited to colonize and the order in which they will be selected.

### **Section 6. Postponements**

a) The IFC reserves the right to move back each expansion effort by a maximum of two (2) semesters. Such postponement can only take place if the IFC is able to give the scheduled fraternity notice of such an action not less than six (6) months prior to the scheduled time. Such postponement may be made if campus conditions dictate that an expansion effort may be unsuccessful at the time it is scheduled.

### **Section 7. Remaining Criteria**

a) In addition to the General Fraternity requirements, colonies must have met the following criteria:

- 1) Must sponsor an educational program, open to all Greek organizations, on an issue pertinent to the current campus climate. Planning should involve the IFC President and the Greek Life Advisor;
- 2) The (Inter)National Fraternity must agree to send a consultant at least twice during the academic year through the colonization period and at least once a year after chartering;

- 3) Must actively participate in the IFC and its programs. Colonies with Nationals and International endorsement will have equal voting privileges as the other chartered members;
- 4) Colonies must register all members with the IFC and the Office of Greek Life;
- 5) Must not violate any IFC or Winthrop University policy;
- 6) Must participate in all Greek system activities such as Recruitment, Greek Week, Homecoming, Greek Awards, etc.;
- 7) The colony President shall meet individually twice with the Greek Life Advisor. He shall also meet monthly with the IFC President and any other Executive Council member that can attend;
- 8) The colony shall maintain an active advisory committee consisting of at least four alumni and a Faculty/Staff advisor;
- 9) The colony shall function as such for not less than one semester and not more than two (2) academic years.