



University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Greek Excellence Standards

2015

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**Chapter and Organization**

## **Introduction**

These Excellence Standards serve to assist the University's Greek community, as well as each chapter, in functioning at the most effective level possible. In addition, it also serves to help provide for the best possible experience for individual members.

These Standards serve to assess chapters on the minimum standards they should be meeting to be viable and successful members of the University's Greek Community and their national organization. Having measured these standards, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Student Engagement and Leadership office can more accurately target and provide assistance to individual chapters in the specific areas where they are deficient.

In addition, it is through these standards that the University will expose the campus community, and the community at large to the achievements and quality of life of the Greek community. It will also serve as the tool by which we evaluate and recognize each chapter's performance.

Guidelines for submission:

- All chapters are REQUIRED to submit a packet. **Submissions must be typed.**
- The application must be reviewed and signed by the chapter advisor and an officer of the chapter.
- The application should be submitted to the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership in Martin Hall, room 223 by February 6, 2015 at noon.
- Late applications will result in a 5 point reduction for each business day late. No applications will be accepted after February 12, 2015.
- No additional documentation is required for this document. DO NOT include additional documents, policies or any other attachments.
- The application/report documents chapter performance from **January 2014—December 2014. DO NOT include activities from 2015.**
- Nominees for individual awards will be interviewed in March of 2015. Interview time slots for sign-up will be posted in February 2015. **Make sure that your nominees sign up for an interview in the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership, Martin Hall.** If your nominee does not sign up for an interview and/or does not attend the scheduled interview he/she will be ineligible for the award.
- The packet will be reviewed and scored by the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership.
  - There are 5 sections in the packet and 5 subsections in each section. Each section is worth 20 points and each subsection is worth 4 points for a total of 100 points.
  - Point Structure is as follows:

★★★★★	5-stars 85-100
★★★★	4-stars 70-84
★★★	3-stars 54-69
★★	2-stars 38-53
★	1-star 0-37
- Results will be announced during a ceremony in March 2015.

# **Signature Sheet**

## **Chapter Advisor Statement**

I have reviewed this application/report and believe all the information contained to be truthful.

Chapter Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Advisor Name:

## **Chapter President Statement**

I have reviewed this application/report and believe all the information contained to be truthful.

Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Name:

Officer Position:

## **Campus/Community Life & Leadership (20 points)**

### **The Campus Life & Leadership MINIMUM STANDARDS are:**

- 50% of chapter members are active members of other organizations.
- 10% of members hold leadership position in other organizations.
- A member is involved in an Honorary Greek Organization.
- Chapter maintains regular contact with Alumni/Graduate Chapters.
- Chapter holds an event to involve family members in chapter activities.

### **The Campus Life & Leadership EXCELLENCE STANDARDS are:**

- 75% of chapter members are active members of other organizations.

- 20% members hold leadership positions in other organizations.
- Multiple members are involved in Honorary Greek Organizations.
- Chapter participates in multiple events with Alumni/Graduate Chapters and maintains regular contact.
- Chapter holds multiple events to involve family members in chapter activities.

On the attached sheet, list the members of your chapter involved in other organizations and their officer positions (make copies of the sheet as needed).

Number of members involved in other organizations

        out of           (total number in organization)

Number of those members holding a leadership position

        out of           (total number in organization)

Number of members involved in a Greek Honor Society

Rho Lambda (sorority only)

Order of Omega

Describe methods of maintaining contact with your Alumni/Graduate Chapter.

Describe any activities your chapter participated with Alumni/Graduate chapters. Copy and paste for each event.

        Date           /           /

        Name of Event

        Description of Event

Describe any activities your chapter held that involved members' families. Copy and paste for each event.

        Date           /           /

Name of Event

Description of Event

Total Points

/ 20

## **Greek Relations (20 points)**

### **The Greek Relations MINIMUM STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter participates in campus-wide (events put on by UPC, SGA, and Athletics) or Greek Community sponsored events (events put on by NPHC, IFC, PC, Office of Student Engagement and Leadership).
- Chapter participates in activities organized by other Greek chapters on campus.
- Chapter organizes a co-sponsored event with other Greek chapters on campus.
- Submit an article to local or campus newspaper or (Inter) National Magazine.
- Chapter takes part in promoting other Greek organization's events and recruitment

### **The Greek Relations EXCELLENCE STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter hosts events for the campus and/or Greek Community.
- Chapter participates in activities organized by other Greek chapters on campus. This must include at least one event organized by a chapter from each council. (IFC, PC, NPHC).
- Chapter organizes a co-sponsored event with other Greek chapters on campus. Participation must include chapters from all councils (IFC, PC, NPHC).
- Submit multiple articles to local or campus newspaper or (Inter) National Magazine. Appear on radio or TV marketing chapter events.

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**Participate** – is when chapter assists another group (UL organization or community) in their event.

**Organize** – is when chapter creates and hosts an original event on their own.

**Co-sponsor** – is when chapter and another group creates and hosts an original event.

When describing involvement with other Greek organizations please use **national organization** name and not chapter name.

Describe any Campus-wide or Greek Community Sponsored events that your chapter participated in during the last year. Copy and paste for each event.

Date        /        /

Name of Event

Level of Participation

Describe any Campus-wide or Greek Community events that your chapter hosted during the last year. Copy and paste for each event.



## **Academic Achievement (20 points)**

### **The Academic Achievement MINIMUM STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter GPA at least meets the all men's or all women's average for one semester.
- Chapter has a scholarship officer to monitor chapter's academic performance.
- Chapter has a GPA requirement for an individual member to be in good standing.
- Chapter has a GPA requirement for a member to be an officer.
- Chapter has a member enrolled in the Greek Leadership Class.

### **The Academic Achievement EXCELLENCE STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter GPA is above the all men's or all women's average for both semesters.
- Chapter has a scholarship officer who monitors chapter's academic performance, promotes high scholastic achievement, and assists membership in meeting standards.
- Chapter has at least a 2.2 GPA requirement for an individual to be in good standing.
- Chapter has at least a 2.5 GPA requirement for a member to be an officer.
- Chapter has 4 members enrolled in the Greek Leadership Class.

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Chapter GPA

Spring Semester

Fall Semester

Name of chapter's scholarship officer

Describe any incentives your chapter implements to reward members' high academic performance or academic improvement.

Describe how your chapter assists members in meeting academic standards.

List minimum GPA to be a member in good standing.

Describe the consequences of a member for not meeting the minimum standard.

List minimum GPA to hold an office.



Describe the consequences of an officer for not meeting the minimum standard.

Number of members enrolled in the Greek Class

Total Points / 20

## Community Service & Philanthropy (20 points)

### **The Community Service and Philanthropy MINIMUM STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter averages 10 hours of community service per member per year.
- Chapter donates an average of \$20 per member per year to relevant philanthropies.
- Chapter organizes and implements a minimum of one community service or philanthropy project per year.
- Chapter participates in at least one community service/philanthropy project.
- Chapter co-sponsors at least one community service/philanthropy project with another organization.

### **The Community Service and Philanthropy EXCELLENCE STANDARDS are:**

- Chapter averages 20 hours of community service per member per year.
- Chapter donates an average of \$40 per member per year to relevant philanthropies.
- Chapter organizes and implements multiple service community service and philanthropy projects per year.
- Chapter participates in more than one community service/philanthropy project.
- Chapter co-sponsors more than one community service/philanthropy project with another organization.

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**Money Donated** – is when a chapter member either individually raises money for donation to a charity themselves or donates to a philanthropic project. Volunteering time for an community organization event that is raising money (United Way, MDA, St. Jude's etc. events) is not counted as money that chapter member raised. It is counted as community service hours.

Total number of community service hours donated (Include both individual and chapter hours)

Total number of chapter members                      Average per member

List organizations where community service hours were performed (list amount performed at each location—amount should equal number above) Copy and paste as needed.

Organization	Hours Performed
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# **New Member Recruitment/ Retention & Member Education (20 points)**

## **The new member Recruitment/Retention MINIMUM STANDARDS are:**

- Fraternities & Sororities initiate at least 75% of their new members.
- Chapter maintains organization size.
- Chapter attends at least one educational seminar on risk management. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences.
- Chapter attends at least one seminar that provides membership education. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences. Examples include Greek workshops, Academic Success Center tours and departmental speakers.
- Chapter organizes at least one seminar that provides membership education. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences. This seminar may not be on risk management.

## **The new member Recruitment/Retention EXCELLENCE STANDARDS are:**

- Fraternities & Sororities initiate at least 90% of their new members.
- Chapter demonstrates a commitment to growth by increasing organization size.
- Chapter attends more than one educational seminar on risk management. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences.
- Chapter attends more than one seminar that provides membership education. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences.
- Chapter organizes more than one seminar that provides membership education. This can be on campus, chapter meetings, or at conferences. These seminars may not be on risk management.

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Use numbers for this section that were submitted on rosters to Greek Affairs.

Number of individuals starting new member program in the year (Fall and Spring combined)

Number of individuals initiating during the year

Percentage retained through initiation

Chapter size in January at beginning of the calendar year

Chapter size in December at the end of the calendar year



# **Individual Award Nominees**

## **Greek Man/Woman of the Year**

Nominee's Name:

Briefly describe this nominee's qualifications including activities and positions held within the chapter, the Greek community, and campus wide.

As the nominee for this award I understand that I must schedule and attend an interview to be considered for this award.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Greek Man/Woman of the Year**

Nominee's Name:

Briefly describe this nominee's qualifications including how this new member has become involved within the chapter and in the larger campus community.

As the nominee for this award I understand that I must schedule and attend an interview to be considered for this award.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outstanding Community Service**

Nominee's Name:

Briefly describe this nominee's qualifications including total number of community service hours donated, benefited organizations, and reasons for nomination.

As the nominee for this award I understand that I must schedule and attend an interview to be considered for this award.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_



**Advisor of the Year**

Nominee's Name:

Briefly describe this nominee's qualifications including how this advisor has had a positive impact in your chapter and what he/she has done to help your chapter achieve success.

***Most Outstanding Community Service Project***

Briefly describe a community service or philanthropy project that your chapter organized. Include information about how it impacted the community and brought people together for a common cause.

**Patricia Cottonham President of the Year**

Nominee's Name:

Briefly describe this nominee's qualifications including how this President was able foster positive change in the organization.

As the nominee for this award I understand that I must schedule and attend an interview to be considered for this award.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

