



Office of Greek Life
Policies and
Regulations

Fraternities & Sororities Defined

For the purpose of this document, fraternities and sororities are defined as those private, voluntary associations with national and international affiliations with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) or National Association of Latino Fraternities (NALFO) which meet the following criteria:

1. They have organizational goals which are social/service/fraternal rather than honorary, professional, service, religious or political. Membership in more than one such fraternal organization at once is not permitted.
2. They may select members according to subjective criteria, but they must act in accordance with the equal opportunity policy of the University. They may be entitled to single sex membership if they meet the provision of Section 86.14 of the regulations promulgated under Title IX of the U.S. Education Act Amendment of 1972.
3. They maintain a charter from their inter/national organizations and exist at Florida Tech with the approval of the Office of Student Life.
4. They agree to subscribe to the recommendations set forth in this document and the Greek Life Strategic Plan.

Mission

The Florida Tech Greek Community inspires academic excellence, leadership, diverse community and campus involvement within all aspects of our daily lives. We provide the grounds for the development of well-rounded and balanced individuals who understand their responsibilities within a safe, social atmosphere and create life-long bonds through principles encompassed in our rituals.

Our Greek community continuously promotes unity among all, while maintaining active involvement in each chapter and a commitment to lifelong service.

Vision

To be the most respected organizations, choice for, undergraduates, parents, headquarters, alumni, members of the surrounding community, faculty and staff and to be the most respected organizations.

Panhellenic Association- Constitution, By-laws, Recruitment Rules, NPC Manual of Information

Interfraternal Clause - Fraternities and Sororities are encouraged not to recruit those who are currently pledged to another fraternity or sorority. Also, members are not to slander the name of other fraternities or sororities at any time.

Establishment of New Chapters

The establishment of any new fraternity/sorority chapter at Florida Tech must follow the procedures of the appropriate governing council and parent organization. The establishment of the new chapter must also meet the approval of the Director of Greek Life.

Housing

Housed chapters either on campus in Panther Bay/Greek Village or off campus in a free standing building have additional responsibilities in ensuring the safety of their membership. Each chapter in housing off campus **must** have an annual fire inspection by the local fire department and a copy of the report must be

relations and/or social media policy to ensure that each individual member is being held to a high standard when using social media and other public relations outlets.

Content

Member organizations will ensure that all advertisements, promotions and other publicly displayed items will be in good taste and with alignment with the expectations of the chapter, the governing council, the University and the inter/national organization.

All advertisements, promotions and other publicly displayed items will not be insensitive, racist, or promote a negative stereotype of any sexual, religious, or ethnic group.

All advertisements, promotions and other publicly displayed items will not be rude, lewd, or distasteful, promote drinking, promote sex or objectify the opposite sex in any form.

All advertisements, promotions and other publicly displayed items will not make any references to alcohol in words or images.

All advertisements, promotions and other publicly displayed items should be in line with the stated values of the member organization, the governing council, and the University.

Social Media Guidelines

Member organizations are strongly encouraged to develop and actively use multiple forms of social media to promote the organizations. This may include, but not be limited to a chapter website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.

Assume that everything you post will be seen by everybody, even if your account or post is private. Your posts should not contain content that would characterize your organization or Florida Tech

member who is currently in the chapter new member education process and has been pinned. All members are required to have filled out a Greek Life Bid Card with the Office of Greek Life.

Policy on Bank Accounts

All fraternities and sororities are allowed to hold outside checking accounts as required by their Inter/national organ

Additional Required Registration Materials Required:

- 1) Proof of Insurance
- 2) Copy of New Member Education Program Sessions Outline and signed cover sheet
- 3) Chapter Risk Management Policy & Social Event Procedures
- 4) Complete Officer Roster
- 5) National and local Constitution and Bylaws
- 6) Chapter Advisory Board Roster

Ongoing Documentation and Forms Required

- 1) [Greek Life Bid Card\(s\)](#) - Due one week after bid signing
- 2) Chapter Membership Roster | Completed at each one-on-one with Director of Greek Life