Statement of Relationship between
Duke University and the Greek Community

Preamble
Fraternities & Sororities have been an integral part of Duke University since 1872 (then known as Trinity College). Greek organizations at Duke are comprised of groups of individuals with various interests. They are bonded together by common goals and aspirations. These bonds are strengthened by honor, friendship, truth, knowledge, and character. Greek membership carries with it many benefits including leadership opportunities, academic support, an emphasis on service, and a bond of brotherhood or sisterhood.

Duke University recognizes that fraternities and sororities are an integral part of the campus community and can have a positive impact for members and non-members. The privilege of fraternities and sororities to exist as part of the University brings with it a high level of responsibility. To achieve mutual success for the University and its Greek organizations, there must be trust and shared responsibility. This success relies on the following commitments from the University, individual chapters, Governing Councils, national/international fraternal organizations, and student members.

Commitments of the Individual Chapters
- Fraternities/Sororities will comply with all University policies as outlined in the Duke Community Standards, as well as all policies and laws of their respective Governing Councils, their national/international organizations and all local, state, and federal laws.
- Fraternities/Sororities will establish alumni/alumnae and parental support for the purpose of providing community, stability, information, training, discipline, leadership, business expertise and maturity.
- Fraternities/Sororities will promote academic excellence and intellectual activities for members and promote an environment conducive to learning.
- Fraternities/Sororities will participate in campus activities and contribute to campus life by sponsoring/co-sponsoring community service and social programs.
- Fraternities/Sororities will encourage and support the involvement of its members not only in fraternity/sorority leadership positions, but leadership positions in other campus organizations at Duke University and the Durham community.
- Fraternities/Sororities will respect all members of the campus community, including individuals that are not affiliated with a Greek organization.
- Fraternities/Sororities will promote diversity and gender relations, helping to create a welcoming and stimulating environment for all members of the University community, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, class or political viewpoint.

Commitments of the Governing Councils
- The local Governing Councils (Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Panhellenic Council (NPC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Inter-Greek Council (IGC)) will oversee fraternities/sororities as outlined in their respective constitutions and by-laws as approved by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL).
- The Governing Councils will create guidelines for fraternities/sororities in the areas of recruitment, expansion, academic standards and administer these guidelines in accordance with their respective national umbrella organizations (National Interfraternity Council, National Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council).
- The Governing Councils will coordinate their efforts with the OFSL to oversee member fraternities and sororities to ensure active involvement in programs and activities.
- The Governing Councils will promote Greek unity on campus.
- The Governing Councils will appoint representatives to the Greek Conduct Board and support the Greek Conduct Board in administering sanctions on member organizations as necessary.
- The Governing Councils will continually promote the Greek ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and social activities.
- The Governing Councils will work together and with other campus organizations to coordinate joint programs and events.
Commitments of the National/International Fraternity/Sorority Organizations

- The national/international organizations will monitor their respective chapter’s adherence to the national/international Constitution and Bylaws.
- The national/international organizations will assist the University and Governing Councils in resolving conduct or performance issues involving their chapters at Duke University in a mutually beneficial spirit.
- The national/international organizations will communicate with the OFSL in a reciprocal partnership for the betterment of their chapter.
- The national/international organizations will schedule regular on-site visits to their respective chapter by a professional staff member or volunteer.
- The national/international organizations will work with their chapters to ensure they are conducting their affairs in accordance with the mission and purpose of Duke University.

Commitments of individual student members of Fraternities/Sororities

- Student members recognize that, by virtue of enrollment, they are at Duke University primarily for an academic education. The basic relationship between the student and the University cannot be altered by co-curricular activities such as membership in a fraternity or sorority.
- Student members recognize that Fraternity/Sorority membership is a privilege, and by voluntarily associating with a Greek organization, agree to conduct themselves responsibly at all times in accordance with the policies and principles of Duke University, their chapter, Governing Council, Greek Conduct Board and their national/international organization.
- Student members will strive to be an asset to his/her Fraternity/Sorority and to embody and to promote actively the values of the organization.
- Student members will participate thoughtfully in the business of the chapter, accept responsibility for the chapter, and embrace and support the policies and goals of the chapter, the Governing Councils, and their national/international organizations.
- Student members will govern wisely, when elected to a position of chapter leadership, and will work with each other and with alumni/alumnae in the chapter administration.
- Alumni members returning to campus are strongly encouraged to honor and abide by the same standards as student members when visiting their chapters.

Commitments of Duke University

- The University will provide assistance and support to fraternities and sororities through the OFSL and the Office of the Dean of Students.
- The University will recognize fraternities and sororities approved by OFSL as registered student organizations and grant fraternities and sororities all rights associated with this status, including but not limited to use of facilities, equipment and meeting space and the ability to sponsor on-campus programs and events.
- The University will allow fraternities and sororities to apply for dedicated housing space through a process defined by Residential Life.
- The University will provide fraternities and sororities assistance in communicating with alumni/alumnae from Greek organizations.
- The University will work with fraternities and sororities to compile grade statistics and assist organizations with providing academic assistance to members as needed.
- The University will assist and include the Governing Councils with the administration of the Greek Conduct Board through the Office of Student Conduct.
- The University will support and encourage faculty, staff, administrators and alumni/alumnae to be advisors of Greek organizations.

Conclusion

This statement was proposed by the fraternity and sorority organizations to formalize their relationship with Duke University. It was approved on 4/16/2010 by the Provost, Dean of Undergraduate Education, Vice-President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Interfraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inter-Greek Council, National/International Fraternity/Sorority Organizations with a presence on the Duke campus, and the Duke University Greek Advisory Council. It is subject to review on a bi-annual basis.
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