MISSION STATEMENT

Greek Life at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) works with students to create an inclusive and thriving environment that challenge its membership to build and refine leaders who uphold the values, oaths, and commitments of their collegiate fraternal organization at CSUDH. Sororities and fraternities are founded on principles of sisterhood/brotherhood. Through the ideals of friendship and personal growth, sororities and fraternities promote the highest standards of scholarship, leadership, and civic service for their members.

PURPOSE

All recognized fraternity and sorority chapters must be sanctioned and recognized by California State University, Dominguez Hills. CSUDH officially recognizes and assists inter/national fraternities and sororities, and other similar organizations, herein referred to as “Greek Organizations,” whose purposes and practices are and remain consistent with CSUDH policies in respect to fraternities are in accord with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, of the United States Civil Rights Act. All Greek Organizations that exist at California State University, Dominguez Hills will be registered as student organizations by meeting expectations set forth by the Office of Student Life, its Greek Life Division and governed by policies established by the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

Since sponsorship or affiliation entitles use of the name of CSUDH, among other benefits, actions of a recognized and sponsored or affiliated group reflect directly upon the university. Therefore recognized and sponsored or affiliated groups must expect and accept a close advisory relationship with the Office of Greek Life (OGL) and accept responsibility for compliance with CSUDH policies, requirements of OGL and procedures and their own stated purposes.
I. General Provisions

A. The official recognition process of fraternities and sororities at CSUDH is carried out by the Greek Life staff via but not limited to recognition documents and other required requested documents.

B. Organizations that desire to obtain status, as an officially recognized Greek Organization must follow the guidelines made available by the Greek Life staff and provide other documentation deemed necessary in order to gain recognized status. Furthermore the documentation must be provided before or on the deadlines given by the Greek Life staff. (See Appendix A) **Deadlines for paperwork will be provided in Appendix A**

C. All recognized Greek Organizations must follow the expectations outlined in Section III of the Greek Life recognition documents.

D. The Greek Life Recognition Guidelines will be submitted to the Greek Life staff and reviewed on an annual basis.

II. Role of the Greek Life Staff

Chapters that abide by the requirements for sponsorship or affiliation can expect the Greek Life Staff to do the following:

A. Grant such chapters the right to use the name of CSUDH for identification purposes and/or activities that are consistent with the educational & philanthropic goals of CSUDH and which have the prior approval of the Greek Life Staff;

B. Provide advisory support and assistance in the form of at least two full-time professional and experienced fraternity/sorority development advisors who will guide chapters and act as liaisons with other segments of CSUDH, community constituents, and inter/national headquarters staff, where applicable, and provide resources for leadership, scholarship, community service, risk management, alcohol and other drug education, among other education programs;

C. Respect the autonomy of chapters as incorporated entities and grant chapters the right to freely choose their members, subject to applicable laws, policies, procedures, regulations, and rules. As such, chapters maybe entitled to single sex/gender membership if they meet the provisions of the appropriate sections of the regulations, circulated federal statues, policies, procedures, and regulations;

D. In addition, CSUDH, while continuing to expect compliance with applicable laws, policies, procedures, regulations and rules, shall assume no responsibility for the enforcement of law on, nor liability for, premises not owned or operated by the University;
E. CSUDH Office of Greek Life will also offer a non-bias role in interventions, advisory, and disciplinary actions. Please note that when in a close advisory role as staff members and employees of CSUDH; we must report to proper authorities if we suspect that someone is causing harm, being harmed or in danger of harm;

F. Grant chapters the right to reserve CSUDH space and facilities in accordance with all policies, procedures, rules and regulations;

G. Calculate and distribute, composite chapter, council and community semester grade point averages for purposes of academic assistance, retention, and recognition; at no point, unless given clearance, will an individual member’s grade point average be distributed;

H. Recognize and promote outstanding achievement in leadership, scholarship and campus or community services;

I. Allow participation in CSUDH-sponsored events such as, but not limited to, Welcome Week, Toro Tuesdays, Homecoming, etc;

J. Facilitate partnership and open discussion with constituents such as, but not limited to other Greek organization members, CSUDH staff, faculty, alumni, parents, Inter/National Headquarters’ staff representatives, on/off campus advisors, CSUDH Police, Los Angeles Police and Fire Department, City of Carson, and community neighbors;

K. Provide opportunities to recruit on campus as long as requirements set by the Office of Greek Life are met.

L. Adhere to requirements set forth by the Intake Packet. (See Appendix B, this is where our Intake packet gets attached)

III. Expectations of Fraternity and Sorority Chapters

Each Fraternity and Sorority must:

A. Follow and execute the tasks set forth by the CSUDH Standards of Excellence program.

B. Have Chapter Meetings on Campus

C. Behave ethically and responsibly at all times as befits membership in a values-based community

D. Take collective and individual responsibility for all members of their organization;

E. Understand there will be no possession, sale, or use of illegal drugs in the fraternity or sorority chapter sponsored event. Severe sanctions will be imposed on a chapter for violation of this provision by any member or guest of the chapter
F. Follow strict guidelines for drug and alcohol abuse. There will be no tolerance of
drug/alcohol abuse or underage drinking in any chapter hosted event. No member shall
coerce or repeatedly encourage another member or a guest to drink alcoholic beverages,
nor shall the consumption of alcohol be a criterion for membership or advancement
within the chapter.

G. Establish, maintain and enforce chapter bylaws/constitution, and ensure that all members
have a working understanding of chapter policies. Chapters must develop and maintain
an internal judicial process that guarantees due process and fairness in the application of
chapter and inter/national organization, where applicable, rules, policies and procedures;

H. Follow its inter/national organization, where applicable, rules, policies, and/or
procedures. In cases where CSUDH and inter/national, policies, and/procedures differ,
CSUDH rules, policies, and/or procedures will always take precedence;

I. Provide the Office of Greek Life with a copy of its local chapter bylaws and public
inter/national constitution, bylaws and Articles of Incorporation;

J. Comply with all requirements for up-to-date membership rosters, including but not
limited to current officers, summer contacts, signed statements of compliance with
appropriate CSUDH policies, grade release statements for all members and any other
information deemed appropriate and necessary by the Greek Life Staff and the Office of
Student Life, updated within one week of any changes;

K. Be a member in good standing with the United Greek Council and participate regularly,
fully, and appropriately in accordance with all applicable policies, rules and regulations
of that council and or inter/national council;

L. Have at least one on campus and off-campus Chapter Advisor
(alumna/alumnus/volunteer), whose name, telephone number(s), and email address is on
file in the Office of Student Life;

M. Provide a detailed copy of the chapter’s new member education and/or intake program to
the Greek Life staff before the recruitment of potential new members and to each new
member at the onset of the new member program. Written programs must include all
dates, activity beginning and ending times, locations and descriptions of each activity.
This includes initiation date, time, and location (where applicable);
CSUDH may periodically request and require that chapters provide information and/or take action to ensure that the requirements for sponsorship or affiliation continue to be met. However, CSUDH assumes no responsibility and/or liability for enforcing compliance with laws, regulations, policies, or procedures, which is the sole responsibility of each chapter.

**Procedures, Sanctions and Penalties for Noncompliance**

Disciplinary action may be imposed by CSUDH on a recognized and sponsored or affiliated fraternity or sorority chapter and/or individual chapter members, in accordance with the process defined in the CSUDH Code of Student Conduct. If CSUDH determines that a recognized and sponsored or affiliated fraternity or sorority chapter and/or its individual members, alumni, guests, and/or others has failed to meet or has violated one or more of the applicable rules, regulations, policies, and/or procedures set forth in these guidelines, the Standards of Excellence, Campus Regulations, Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students, and/or the CSUDH Campus Code of Student Conduct (which includes compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances), the chapter and/or its individual members may be subject to sanctions and/or penalties in accordance with the CSUDH Campus Code of Student Conduct, which may include but not be limited to revocation of chapter sponsorship or affiliation by the University.

The REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OR AFFILIATION OF FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES BY CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS document shall apply year-round, with no regard for academic calendar, breaks, or whether any formal organization meetings occur, both on and off campus, and supersedes the authority of other documents governing the fraternities and sororities at CSUDH including, but not limited to, council specific constitutions and bylaws, and any other chapter, council, and/or inter/national policies, procedures, rules, and/or regulations. This is a voluntary agreement and chapters/officers are free to not enter into agreement.

Student Organization: ________________________________________________________

Signatures:

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President’s Name                      President’s Signature

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Primary Advisor Print                Primary Advisor Signature

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