



## **Relationship Between the University and Greek Letter Organizations**

Greek letter organizations comprise a major group of students in the Willamette University community. It seems fitting, therefore, that the University clarify the relationship between the University and campus Greek letter organizations, affirm the University's commitment to these organizations, and specify the University expectations of Greek letter organizations.

The Greek letter organizations at Willamette University are comprised of inter/national fraternities and sororities that have petitioned the University for recognition and have accepted and met the conditions for recognition. As recognized inter/national chapters and University student organizations, the institution accepts them as formal components of its co-curricular program, acknowledges their role in the fulfillment of the University's mission, pledges the support of the University, and permits the use of its name. In turn, the fraternities and sororities are directly accountable to the institution in the fulfillment of this relationship.

The University supports Greek letter organizations as an integral part of the campus life and a source of support for the educational and developmental efforts of the University. More specifically, fraternities and sororities provide an environment that can have significant personal and educational benefit for students and help enrich student life through social programs, leadership opportunities, and service projects. Their members also serve as alumni supporters of the University. Success of fraternities and sororities collectively and individually thus is dependent upon the mutual efforts of the University, the individual chapters, inter/national organizations, and local alumni. In turn, the University expects that the fraternities and sororities will assist the student in the process of education: from fostering an intellectual curiosity and atmosphere to modeling constructive leadership skills and team efforts.

Willamette University recognizes the significant contribution of fraternities and sororities and actively supports these organizations by providing personnel and resources to aid in their development. University employees serve as advisors to their governing councils and provide access to the student database for the purpose of membership recruitment. Chapters are provided opportunities to receive on-campus housing and office space for Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils. Fraternities and sororities also receive the benefits of being recognized student organizations at Willamette, as outlined in the student handbook.

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