



INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIPON COLLEGE AND GREEK GROUPS

Greek groups have been an integral part of the Ripon College campus for years. It has always been expected that such groups would conduct their affairs in accordance with the mission and values of the College. These groups, like all other student organizations, are subject to annual review for institutional recognition and support. This annual review will consist of a report detailing different areas of leadership and achievement and will be due in the Residence Life Office each March.

In order to establish a framework for success, the College expects each Greek group to conduct an annual, thorough self-evaluation. Such a process may help identify strengths and weaknesses that can then serve to guide goal setting. The College will make resources and staff available to facilitate such efforts. The College shall recognize a general fraternity/sorority for as long as the general fraternity/sorority operates within the guidelines and tenets of its charter; the policies and procedures of the College; and the state and federal governments.

The basic premise for Greek groups is that they exist to foster mutual efforts to provide rewarding educational opportunities. Typically this is demonstrated by pursuits for academic excellence, leadership training experiences, close friendship bonds (among both current students and alums), citizenship, concern for fellow human beings, and an overall commitment to purposeful living, both in college and beyond.

Please view this as a living document that can expand and change as time passes. Following this agreement there are two appendixes, one further detailing the Assistant Director of Residence Life's position and the other defining the Ripon College Hazing policy.

The partnership that exists between Ripon College and Greek groups is as follows. Expectations of administration:

- 1) Dean of Students ultimately responsible for approving and overseeing Greek groups.
- 2) A professional-level member of the administration designated as IFC, Panhellenic Council and Greek Council advisors.
- 3) A professional level member of the administration, the Assistant Director of Residence Life designated as a resource for all Greek organizations.
- 3) College responsibility for maintenance and cleaning of allotted residence hall space.
- 4) Equal distribution of a block of rooms within College residence halls. Room allocations should include approximately the same number of single-singles and double-singles as other allocations (maximum house size is 45).

- 5) Institutional resources in terms of meeting space, available administrative personnel, and input into budgeting for lounge furnishings.
- 6) Opportunity for democratic participation in governance via hall councils, student senate, and/or IFC and Panhellenic Council.
- 7) Periodic meetings scheduled by the Assistant Director of Residence Life for open communication.
- 8) Provide options to establish an account through the Business Office.

Expectations of Greek Groups:

- 1) Submit a current, working constitution and student organization registration form including a list of officers, advisor, and organizational members as requested to the Office of Residence Life within the time frame suggested.
- 2) Establish an annual self-review, goal-setting procedure, citing the group's positive affect on the campus as criteria for College recognition for the following academic year.
- 3) Maintain a minimum of 15 on-campus members living in the housing block in order to be a recognized Greek group, and as such, be provided a block of housing space within the residence halls.
- 4) Follow non-discriminatory practices in membership selection (though allowing for single-sex fraternities and sororities).
- 5) Maintain the physical space provided, i.e., clean up after events and report to Residence Life staff any incidents of destruction of College property.
- 6) Adhere to College policies, both individually and collectively. Be consistent with regulations regarding pledge recruitment and education. (Hazing practices are prohibited! Please see Appendix Two)
- 7) Encourage academic achievement.
- 8) Pay accounts on time, maintaining positive relations with the College Business Office and community businesses with whom transactions are made.
- 9) Promote positive relations with other student groups.
- 10) Provide leadership training for new members as well as new officers.
- 11) Participate in service projects for the College community and for the larger community.
- 12) Consult with the College Advancement Office prior to any fund raising activities.