



## **EXPANSION, COLONIZATION, & AFFILIATION OF GREEK CHAPTERS**

Determining the need for expansion and colonization rests with Ripon College and the Greek system as the need arises. Any locally organized group that disbands or cannot maintain the required 15 members and requests permission to reorganize at Ripon College must follow the below guidelines.

If expansion of the system is desirable, two methods exist for issuing invitations to inter/national Greek organizations. In any case, to be considered for expansion at Ripon College, a fraternity/sorority must be a member of the North American Inter-Fraternity Conference, the National Panhellenic Conference, or another national Greek governing organization.

1. If expansion is sought by an existing local chapter or student interest group they shall:
  - a. Contact the Assistant Director of Residence Life and indicate to the College the group's desire to organize. The Assistant Director will form an Expansion Committee if necessary to approve the bid for expansion and work with that Committee during the expansion process.
  - b. Be given a grace period of one semester during which they may organize to prepare for membership as a Greek organization at Ripon College with the consent of the IFC/Panhellenic Council, pending approval from Assistant Director of Residence Life or Expansion Committee.
  - c. Develop and follow the process to enter into membership with an inter/national organization.
    - i. Including compilation of information on group scholarship, philanthropy interests, leadership abilities, letters of administrative and peer support and general campus information; and soliciting invitations for colonization.
  - d. Review responses from national chapters regarding solicitations for colonization.
  - e. Evaluate options based on Ripon College and Greek needs along with member expectations.
  - f. Present top five choices to the Assistant Director of Residence Life and/or the Expansion Committee for final review and approval.
2. If expansion is pursued by the College, without the impetus of existing local chapter or interest group, they shall:
  - a. Develop petitions to be sent to national organizations sharing campus background, current and intended Greek position on campus, support of administration and Greek system members.
  - b. Review responses from national chapters.
  - c. Evaluate options based on College expectations along with general Greek system needs.

Following the review and prioritization of the national chapters, the Assistant Director shall

work with the local organization, interest group or Expansion Committee to decide: a) how many groups to invite to campus; and b) whom to invite to make presentations.

After all invited organizations have visited campus and made presentations, the Assistant Director, or the Expansion Committee, along with the local organization or interest group if applicable, will determine which group(s) will receive the College's recommendation for colonization. If approval for colonization has been granted, the Assistant Director or the Expansion Committee will recommend to the Dean of Students that the College issue a formal invitation for colonization to the selected organization(s). Colonization shall follow the rules and regulations stated in the constitution of the appropriate governing council. Formal recognition of the new chapter by Ripon College can occur after a successful colonization period, providing that all requirements for affiliation have been met and approved by the Dean of Students.