

## University of New Hampshire Greek Membership Policies

### Office of Greek Life Membership Terminology:

*Abroad Member:* Any degree-seeking student initiated into a fraternity, sorority, or coed society recognized by the University of New Hampshire that is actively enrolled at the university, but taking classes at another institution or receiving course credit for his or her time away from campus. This student is still considered an active member of the chapter.

*Active Member:* Any undergraduate degree-seeking student initiated into a fraternity, sorority, or coed society recognized by the University of New Hampshire. For academic reporting, a newly initiated new member will continue to be listed as a new member until the subsequent semester.

*Alumni Member:* Any student initiated into a fraternity, sorority, or coed society recognized by the University of New Hampshire that graduated, no longer attends the university as an undergraduate degree-seeking student, or attends the university beyond the graduation year of their entering class and who is no longer active in the affairs of the chapter.

*New Member:* Any undergraduate degree-seeking student that joins a fraternity, sorority, or coed society during the current semester.

*Expelled Member:* Any undergraduate degree-seeking student initiated into a fraternity, sorority, or coed society recognized by the University of New Hampshire that is no longer an official member of the fraternity, sorority, or coed society under the inter/national guidelines of the organization.

*Non-Initiated New Member:* Any undergraduate degree-seeking student that joins a fraternity, sorority, or coed society that does not fulfill their new member experience.

### Deadlines for Updating Chapter Membership Roster

#### *Chapter Informational Forms*

Every fall and spring semesters, each chapter must complete the *Chapter Informational Form* and remit a copy of this form in full electronically to the Office of Greek Life at [greek.life@unh.edu](mailto:greek.life@unh.edu) by 5:00pm on the second Friday of that semester (e.g., September 10, 2010). Under the provisions established by the Greek Social Policy, chapters may not register social events with alcohol until these forms have been submitted. Also, chapters failing to submit the form by the appropriate deadline may face violations of the University of New Hampshire Student Code of Conduct or the policies of their respective councils.

#### *New Membership Academic Release Forms*

All United Greek Association and Interfraternity Council chapters must submit *New Member Academic Release Forms* by 5:00pm on Friday of the fifth week of the current semester for any bids offered prior to that date (e.g., October 1, 2010). UGA and IFC chapters should continue to submit forms each subsequent month for any new members that accept bids during this period (e.g., a chapter should submit a *New Member Academic Release Form* on November 1, 2010 for any new members accepting bids between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>). Chapters failing to submit the form by the appropriate deadline may face violations of the University of New Hampshire Student Code of Conduct or the policies of their respective councils.

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*Panhellenic Council Binding Agreements and Continuous Open Bidding (COB) Binding Agreements*  
Women participating in formal recruitment process automatically complete the *Panhellenic Council Binding Agreement* upon the completion of Preference Night. Chapters that offer new members bids through the COB process must submit the *Open Bidding (COB) Binding Agreement* within 48 hours of the acceptance of a bid. Chapters failing to submit the form by the appropriate deadline may face violations of the University of New Hampshire Student Code of Conduct or the policies of the Panhellenic Council.

### *Deadlines to Revise Status of Membership*

#### Removing Expelled Members from a Roster:<sup>1</sup>

Chapters may revise the status of an active member through 5:00pm on Friday of the eighth week of the current semester (e.g., October 22, 2010). Active members will only be removed from a roster if they meet the definition of an expelled member and if the appropriate documentation is submitted to the Office of Greek Life to verify this change in status. Active members that meet the definition of an expelled member after 5:00pm on Friday of the eighth week of the current semester will be removed from a roster of a chapter the subsequent semester (e.g., an individual expelled after October 22, 2010 during the fall 2010 semester will be removed from a chapter's roster for the spring 2011 semester).

<sup>1</sup>This policy will not impact total for the Panhellenic Council chapters.

#### Removing Non-Initiated New Members from a Roster:

Non-initiated new members must be removed from a roster no later than the Monday after the initiation ceremony date reported to the Office of Greek Life. To remove a non-initiated new member from a chapter roster, a chapter president should email [greek.life@unh.edu](mailto:greek.life@unh.edu) with the name of this individual being removed.

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### **Maximum Length for a New Member Process**

All new members receiving bids prior the eighth week of each semester must be complete their new member experience within eight (8) weeks of the start of a new member process or at least one week prior to the end of classes, whichever is shorter. All new member activities and required education must cease after the termination of this eight week period. Chapters may only delay the initiation ceremony for their new members beyond the completion of the new member periods or semester if their inter/national organizations require the achievement of specific academic benchmarks for new members. This delay must be preapproved by the Coordinator of Greek Life.

New members receiving bids after the eighth week of each semester may complete their new member experience during a subsequent semester, although the new total new member experience may not exceed eight (8) weeks, and all new member activities and required education must cease temporarily during the week leading up to Finals and may not resume until the first day of classes during the subsequent semester.

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### Important Dates for the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year

#### *Fall Semester*

September 10, 2010 – Chapter Informational Forms and Hazing Prevention Agreements due to Office of Greek Life

October 1, 2010 – New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids during the month of September

October 22, 2010 – Last date to update chapter roster/New members extended bids prior to this date must be initiated before December 3<sup>rd</sup>

November 1, 2010 – New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids during the month of October

December 1, 2010 – New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids during the month of November

December 3, 2010 – Last date for new member experience for any chapters beginning the new member experience on or after October 1<sup>st</sup>, but before October 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### *Spring Semester*

February 4, 2011 - Chapter Informational Forms and Hazing Prevention Agreements due to Office of Greek Life

February 25, 2011 - New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids from the first day of classes through February 25<sup>th</sup>

March 25, 2011 - Last date to update chapter roster/New members extended bids prior to this date must be initiated before May 2<sup>nd</sup>. New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids from February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>

April 25, 2011 - New Member Academic Release Forms due for new members accepting bids from March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>.

May 2, 2011 - Last date for new member experience for any chapters beginning the new member experience on or after February 28<sup>th</sup>, but before March 25<sup>th</sup>