Jacksonville State University Greek Accreditation Program

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Program Due: No later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015.

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Program Introduction

Mission

To improve the management and quality of sorority and fraternity chapters at Jacksonville State University and to assist these chapters in achieving excellence, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council in coordination with the Office of Student Life have implemented the following recognition program. This program will allow the University to recognize those organizations that achieve excellence.

Evaluation and Variety of Organizations

Due to the variation in size of membership of our 18 organizations, percentages are used in calculations where attendance or sections within a group must achieve a certain level. This allows each group to meet the requirement on their own merit, not be compared to another group of different size.

Use of Results

The results of the evaluation will be used to define the chapter’s level of accreditation. The chapter will be able to use this information to set goals for improvement and identify areas in which they may be struggling, as well as recognize and reward chapters that are successful. A chapter's rating will not be published and will only be made known to the members of a specific chapter.

Awards

Substantial awards will be given to the highest-scoring fraternities and sororities. The highest-scoring organizations, achieving the most outstanding accreditation, will each receive a monetary award and will receive the President’s Gold Cup Award for the Most Outstanding Chapter(s). The winning organizations will be recognized for their achievements at the Greek Awards Ceremony. Please note that more than one sorority or fraternity may receive this recognition.

The second highest accredited organizations will be designated Silver Cup Winners and will receive monetary awards. The third highest chapters will be recognized as Bronze Cup Winners and will each receive a monetary award.

All chapters receiving at least 77% accreditation, but not achieving the Gold, Silver, or Bronze level recognition will receive an Award of Excellence, indicating their outstanding level of achievement.

It is possible for multiple groups to achieve the Gold, Silver, or Bronze level awards.
The following specific awards will be given for outstanding achievement.

Excellence in University/Community Relations and Service
Highest Grade Point Average
Highest New Member Grade Point Average
Most Improved Academic Standing
Most Improved Chapter
Outstanding Community Service

Greek Woman of the Year, Greek Man of the Year, Alumni/Advisor of the Year, Faculty Advisor of the Year, and the Alumni Relations Award will be based on separate applications. These awards will also be presented at the Greek Awards Ceremony.

Program Outline

Criteria

The following areas will be evaluated based on the information submitted by the chapters and the official academic report each year:

1. Academics -- 22% of Total Value
2. University / Community Relations and Service -- 20% of Total Value
3. Membership Intake and/or Pledge Program -- 19% of Total Value
4. Chapter Management -- 17% of Total Value
5. Financial Management -- 11% of Total Value
6. Campus Involvement -- 11% of Total Value

Scoring Criteria: Total Points Possible: 600 points

77% of points possible = 462 and higher points
64% of points possible = 384-461 points
51% of points possible = 306-383 points
37% of points possible = 222 or lower

The intent of the Greek Accreditation Program is to provide a framework by which chapters can quantify and document their activities and successes, while creating a tool by which fraternities and sororities can be evaluated in an objective manner for awards. There is an expectation that all chapters will strive to attain at least 90% accreditation and that the Greek community at Jacksonville State University will be an example of excellence to Greek communities nationwide. We also wish to be able to recognize more than one chapter as being successful and "the best".

For example, if Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Gamma score the same number of points and that point scoring is the highest of all sororities, then both of those chapters would be the Gold level award recipient and share the scholarship equally.
It is not intended for Greek organizations to compete with one another, but rather to provide a self-evaluation for areas of strength and challenge. With incentive from the university to receive scholarships, it is a progressive, proactive program for improvement in all areas of a Greek organization.

Chapters will not be able to maintain status quo. Continued improvement, where needed, will be expected. The standards will continually be raised according to the following schedule:

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<tr>
<th>Academic Year</th>
<th>37% Accreditation</th>
<th>51% Accreditation</th>
<th>64% Accreditation</th>
<th>77% Accreditation</th>
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<tr>
<td>2013-2014</td>
<td>No Social or Intramural activities. Placed on Warning Status</td>
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<td>Limited Social Activities. Only two per month (including date parties, mixers, socials, etc)</td>
<td>No Sanctions.</td>
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**Warning Status**

Warning Status is a special alert that gives the organization and their national office notice of the low rating and the need for improvement. It is the desire of the university that all organizations will be successful and remain an active part of our university life. If any organization continues to receive a low rating, we will work with that organization's representation to assist in any way possible.

**Re-evaluation of Program**

We will evaluate progress and re-align sanctions and incentives annually.

**Submission Guidelines**

The cover page should be the first document in your submission packet. Fill it out completely. You have received the program in electronic format to allow easy access to filling out the information.

There are 6 sections of the JSU Greek Accreditation Program you need to complete. Read each item carefully, answering each item fully and attaching any necessary documents. When attaching documents, include them in the section it supports.

All Documents will be submitted via google drive. Simply click on the link next to each section titled complete and submit your information. Do the same for the appendixes. If there is additional documentation required please click on the link titled upload and upload your files to dropbox.