These guidelines describe the relationship between the Sam Houston State University and the fraternities and sororities which are members of affiliated councils (i.e., National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and/or the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)). These guidelines also describe the policies, procedures, standards, and expectations governing fraternities and sororities at Sam Houston State University.

I. Relationship between Sam Houston State University and SHSU General Fraternities and Sororities.

1. Rationale

Affiliated chapters of fraternities and sororities at Sam Houston State University operate in a mutually beneficial relationship with the University. Continuation of the University contribution through advising and support is essential to ensure maximum benefit of the community both to the University and to the individual students in the Greek community. Fraternities and sororities can make a positive contribution to the co-curricular experiences of student members and to the quality of student life in general.

2. Policies

Although all registered student organizations must comply with SHSU’s Student Guidelines, the unique nature of fraternities and sororities requires additional consideration. University regulations and procedures affecting fraternity and sorority members also play an important role in maintaining the standards of the Greek community.

3. Responsibilities of the SHSU Greek Life Staff:

1. Through advising, to act as liaison between fraternities and sororities and the University to enhance communication and public relations.

2. To provide information to the fraternities and sororities regarding University policies, procedures, and regulations, and federal, state, and local laws affecting fraternities and sororities.

3. To act as a source of information and as a liaison between new students and the fraternities and sororities. This may include providing information in University publications and distributing brochures to new students.

4. To collect information on officers, members, advisors, grade point average standings, activities, policies, council minutes, updated constitutions and bylaws, and affiliated council representatives.

5. To act as a consultant to councils and chapters for their organizational development including officer training, advising, attending meetings, and reviewing constitutions, bylaws, contracts, activity, and other proposals.
6. To refer leaders of philanthropic projects and others to recognized organizations.

7. To assist all councils in investigating allegations of misconduct by fraternities or sororities and to facilitate due process in discipline matters (including attendance at discipline hearings and notification of chapter leaders and advisors).

8. To organize leadership, educational, and developmental programs including workshops, seminars, classes, and retreats.

9. To publish newsletters and other materials for chapter officers, SHSU Greek Life and the University.

10. Maintain cooperative relationships with alumni, community groups, the professional staffs and volunteer officers of affiliated fraternity and sorority councils, professional and fraternity-related organizations, campus organizations, public and private agencies and other University offices and departments. This can include regular meetings with the alumni chapter advisors, providing correspondence, meeting minutes, etc.

11. To review and approve University policies, procedures and regulations relating to SHSU Greek Life.

12. To grant permission to colonize a chapter on the campus and to revoke and/or suspend registration for cause.

13. To assist chapters and councils in the promotion of their events.

14. To regularly recognize the positive endeavors of the SHSU Greek Life community and encourage recipients (individuals and chapters) to notify the University of awards, achievements, and community relations events.

4. Responsibilities of the fraternities and sororities:
   In addition to the Student Guidelines, affiliated chapters are responsible for the following:
   
   1. To maintain objectives and activities of chapter which are consistent with and supportive of the mission of Sam Houston State University.
   
   2. To encourage intellectual, personal, spiritual, and social development of their student members. To comply with all applicable University policies and procedures, as well as all applicable laws and regulations, and to be responsible for compliance by chapter members of the same.
   
   3. To be responsible, as a community and as individual chapters for the conduct of the chapter members at chapter sponsored functions, both on and off campus.
   
   4. To promote conduct consistent with high values and ethics, based on the purposes and principles of fraternity and sorority founding.
5. To operate from sound business practices with respect to chapter finances and business relations with the chapter members, the University and the community.

6. All chapters that wish to colonize or re-colonize must be a member of the NAPA, NIC, NMGC, NPC, NPHC or NALFO national organization to have recognized status on campus.

7. If a Greek organization is seeking to colonize or re-colonize and does not belong to the NAPA, NIC, NMGC, NPC, NPHC or NALFO, the national organization must receive an exemption from the Assistant Dean of Greek Life or his or her designee.

8. The chapter president agrees to accept full responsibility for the chapter’s adherence to the Constitutions, Bylaws, rules and discipline procedures of their Greek council, the Dean of Students Office, University policies and directives by authorized University officials, the SHSU Student Guidelines, and local, State, and federal laws. Accordingly, the chapter president must become familiar with such policies, laws, regulations, directives, and procedures and must educate the chapter membership.

9. Each chapter must maintain a good standing status in their respective Greek council and national/international fraternity or sorority to remain in good standing with SHSU Greek Life. Poor standing or suspension by their local or national Greek council will result in the same status from SHSU Greek Life.

10. Each chapter must maintain an active membership of five or more members.

11. No fraternity or sorority may accept (associate) or initiate any individual who does not have a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average, which includes any college credits a student may have transferred to SHSU with from a previous college/university. Individual councils or associations may set higher required minimum grade point averages for members, and each fraternity and sorority will be subject to the applicable required minimum grade point average of its council or association. Considerations will be given to first time freshmen who recently graduated from high school and have no more than 12 dual credit hours.

12. No chapter shall sponsor an auxiliary organization or activity which connotes membership any kind in their group (e.g., “little sisters,” “little brothers,” etc.) other than that full membership as ascribed by the (inter)national constitution.

13. It is the right of the undergraduates in each chapter to select their own members within the context of allowing no discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, gender identity, gender expression, affectional or sexual orientation, or disability. The university recognizes chapters and organizations have single sex status under federal and state law and therefore maintain certain protections.

5. Scholarship

The fundamental reason for enrolling in a university is to acquire the educational foundation necessary to function effectively as a citizen. The range of academic programs offered by Sam Houston State University provides the opportunity for all students to
prepare themselves for professional careers. The academic progress of all members considered collectively indicates the relative strength and vitality of the organization. The standards in this section reflect the central importance academic achievement should occupy in the life of each organization at Sam Houston State University.

6. Standards

1. Organizations nurture academic excellence within the campus community by providing continuing and new members appropriate incentives and resources to facilitate scholastic achievement.

2. Organizations create an environment conducive to academic success by offering education programs to members maintaining acceptable academic standing and to members confronting academic distress.

3. Any interested students must have a 2.5 overall/cumulative grade point average to join any fraternity or sorority.

4. Organizations maintain a minimum semester organization grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale to maintain active status/eligibility required to represent or be considered (individually or part of the chapter) for SHSU Greek Life, campus or community activities or awards.

   a. Final versions of rosters for grade reports are due by the last class day of the fall and spring semesters. No grade reports are produced during the summer sessions. Any organizations that fail to obtain a 2.5 semester grade point average for two consecutive semesters will be required meet with an assigned SHSU Greek Life professional staff member for a consulting/coaching session. As a part of the meeting, the chapter will create and implement an “Academic Recovery Plan” monitored by SHSU Greek Life and sent to the chapter advisor and affiliated council representatives. The Academic Recovery Plan will be evaluated to determine significant improvement in the chapter’s academic progress. Chapters’ social activities (i.e., parties, mixer) may be limited if progress is not obtained after 2 semesters.

   b. Any organization whose GPA remains below 2.5 after 4 consecutive semesters, chapters will lose all privileges (including socials, intramurals, Greek Life Marketing etc.) except for limited recruitment (formal recruitment only, mandatory advisor and/or national representative presence at all recruitment events). Chapter will be required to implement an Academic Recovery Plan that has been created and approved by SHSU Greek Life staff and the respective national organization.

   c. Any organization whose GPA remains below 2.5 after 5 consecutive semesters will lose all privileges including recruitment for one semester. At the end of this fifth semester, Chapters (including at least one chapter advisor and one national organization representative) must meet with the SHSU Greek Life staff to discuss future chapter viability before reinstatement of any privileges.

5. Organizations should work closely with a faculty or staff advisor who is an employee of the institution and whose influences are directed primarily toward organization scholarship and secondarily toward other organization obligations at the University.
The university also recognizes that organizations may have external advisors or advisory groups that work the chapters. SHSU Greek Life will also work with these entities.

6. Organizations are to have 5 or more members to be recognized as an SHSU registered organization. Those that do not meet this requirement will be placed on conditional status for one year. During the conditional period, chapters will be required to meet with a SHSU Greek Life professional staff member to create and implement a “Recruitment and Chapter Sustainability Plan”. Should they fail to have 5 or more members by the end of the conditional period, chapters must meet with the SHSU Greek Life staff to discuss future chapter viability before reinstatement of any privileges.

7. Requirements for Chapters in Good Standing/ Expectations for Recognition

1. It is the goal of the SHSU Greek Life to create and hold clear requirements, standards, expectations of recognized fraternities and sororities on campus. Therefore, the following requirements for chapters in good standing/expectations for recognition has been created and distributed to communicate those minimum requirements of all SHSU Greek Life fraternities and sororities. These expectations are meant to be reviewed and reaffirmed by SHSU Greek Life and each undergraduate chapter every two years in accordance with the Student Guidelines. When all expectations are upheld, the organization is to be fully recognized as good standing. When a chapter fails to meet the expectations outlined in this policy, it is subject to disciplinary action ranging from educational sanctions (i.e., workshops or presentations) to removal of recognition.

   a. Benefits of being a chapter in good standing:
   
   i. All benefits of any SHSU registered student organizations (use of campus facilities, tabling, designated intermural teams, etc.)
   ii. Eligibility for Campus Life Development Funds and Greek Life Funding Program.
   iii. Recognition on SHSU Greek Life website, social media, and other marketing avenues.
   iv. Eligible for SHSU Greek Life Awards.
   v. A copy of a current good standing letter sent to your organization’s national office or your affiliated council.

2. Every Fall and Spring semester, each chapter must:
   a. Submit chapter roster information and provide timely updates.
   b. Submit Notice of Intake documents (MGC and NPHC only).
   c. Attend All Greek Meeting (Chapter President and at least one other chapter representative).
   d. Attend any mandatory training hosted by SHSU Greek Life (Chapter Operations/LSC Reservations (EMS), Risk Management, Hazing, etc.).
   e. Meet Chapter GPA requirement as listed in section F of this policy.
   f. Meet Chapter size requirement as listed in section F of this policy.
   g. Sponsor/Co-sponsor 1 educational event or workshop of the chapter’s choosing (can be internal).
   h. Maintain good standing with your affiliated council (i.e., current on payment of council dues, attendance at meetings, engagement in events if applicable).
   i. Chapter president meets with assign SHSU Greek Life professional staff member for consultation/coaching session.
   j. Provide timely submission of materials to the SHSU Greek Life (maximum two (2) late submissions).
3. Every calendar year (Fall semester), each chapter must:
   a. Submit a copy of their inter/national and/or chapter Risk Management Policy on file with the SHSU Greek Life before the first social function of the academic year.
   b. Submit a copy of their inter/national and/or chapter New Member Education program or member intake process on file with SHSU Greek Life before starting any recruitment/rush/intake activities or processes.
   c. Sponsor at least one community service or philanthropy event.
   d. Seventy percent (70%) of chapter complete the Greek Life Experience survey.
   e. Remain in compliance with any University and/or Governing Council policy, rules, and regulations.

4. Accountability
   a. When a chapter does not meet the expectations outlined in this policy, they will be considered a “Chapter with Conditional Status.” Conditional Chapters must meet with a SHSU Greek Life professional staff member at least twice per semester until chapter receives “good standing” recognition.
   b. Chapters with Conditional Status will be required to work in conjunction with an assigned SHSU Greek Life staff member to create and implement a “Chapter Performance Improvement Plan”.
   c. Chapters failing to attend coaching sessions, create/implement improvement plan, or chapters who do not achieve good standing status for 2 consecutive years will it is subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to:
      i. Educational sanctions (i.e., workshops, presentations)
      ii. Loss of privileges
      iii. Probation
      iv. Deferred suspension
      v. Suspension
      vi. Loss of chapter recognition.

II. Guidelines for Fraternity/Sorority Activities:

1. Approval, Review and Sponsorship of Activities

1. Definition of Chapter Sponsored Activity: An event will be considered a chapter-sponsored activity under one or more of the following conditions:
   a. The event is advertised, and the advertisement makes any mention of the fraternity or sorority.
   b. The activity is discussed during a chapter meeting; information about the activity is distributed during a chapter meeting; and/or the activity is mentioned in the minutes of a chapter meeting.
   c. Transportation to the activity is provided by the chapter.
   d. The chapter creates or causes to be created any promotional materials for the activity, including t-shirts, cups, etc.
   e. The chapter is involved in any fashion with the sale of tickets for the activity or the sale of promotional items which mention the activity.
   f. The chapter provides maps, information, or tickets to the activity for its members and/or guests.
   g. The activity is listed on the chapter calendar or through any social media channel.
   h. Greek Life sponsored events such as Greek Week and chapter sponsored events such as fraternity philanthropy weeks are considered sponsored by all chapters.
who participate.
i. Participants consider, refer to or classify the event as a chapter event.

2. Chapters are responsible for events they sponsor. When an event is sponsored by more than one organization, each sponsor is responsible for all activities arising out of or relating to the event, including but not limited to adequate planning, actual event behavior, and post-event accountability for all in attendance.

3. Chapters are responsible for all University policies and procedures regarding risk management which includes but are not limited to submission of appropriate paperwork, security, and guest lists.

2. Advertising and Publicity

1. Chapters or Councils may not co-sponsor any of their activities or display advertising on or off campus for an alcohol distributor or tavern (tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol).

2. Alcoholic beverages may not be implied, stated, or pictured in chapter advertisements.

3. All publicity is expected to be in good taste and in compliance with University posting policies.

3. Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Substances

1. In addition to the following policies, fraternities and sororities and their members are required to comply with the University’s policy for the use of alcoholic beverages when sponsoring or participating in any activity.

2. Use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.

3. In promoting events, alcoholic beverages may not be referred to in publicity, including signs, fliers, mailings, promotional materials including t-shirts and glassware etc. and media announcements. Use of words such as “beer,” “brew,” “wine,” “cocktails,” “open bar,” “booze,” “mixed drinks,” “spirits,” etc. (list is not all-inclusive — other terms may be considered violations) is prohibited. Social event themes may not include alcohol or alcohol related themes (i.e., Margaritaville Party).

4. No fraternity or sorority shall permit any person who is under the age of twenty-one or anyone who is obviously intoxicated to consume alcoholic beverages at chapter sponsored events. Sponsoring or co-sponsoring chapters will be responsible for checking identification to determine legal drinking age. An organization sponsoring or co-sponsoring an event shall make reasonable efforts to provide for the safety of any members or guests who exhibit intoxication.

5. No fraternity or sorority shall at any time expect, suggest, or compel members or new members/pledges/associates to consume alcoholic beverages.

6. All Chapters must adhere to their affiliated council national rules and regulations related to alcohol and risk management.
7. Fraternities and sororities must be familiar with and comply with State of Texas laws regulating the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. No tickets or invitations may be sold for chapter or council events where alcoholic beverages will be present unless alcohol will be provided through a third-party vendor location.

8. Organized competitions involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages (chugging contests, “beer baseball,” “quarters,” etc.) are prohibited at all chapter sponsored events.

9. Fraternities shall comply with their council’s regulations establishing a completely dry fraternity recruitment. Sororities shall comply with their council’s regulations prohibiting alcoholic beverages at recruiting events. No alcoholic beverages shall be present at any chapter or Council recruitment function, regardless of location. A rush/recruitment function is defined as any chapter activity occurring during the official rush/recruitment period established by Greek Life or any event held at any time where the primary purpose is membership recruitment.

10. No alcoholic beverages shall be present at any new member/associate member programs or activities, including but not limited to initiation or pre-initiation activities; new member/associate member retreat; new member presentations; and big brother/sister revealing.

11. No chapter may purchase alcoholic beverages using any chapter funds or credits nor may the purchase of same be undertaken or coordinated by any member on behalf of the chapter. Purchasing bulk alcohol from a distributor and then reselling the alcohol to the members and guests at the function is prohibited. Chapters may not sell, in any fashion, alcohol to members, pledges/associates or guests.

12. The purchase and/or use of any bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages or providing a common source of alcohol (e.g., kegs, “party balls,” alcoholic punch, coolers filled with canned beer, open bars, etc.) is expressly prohibited.

13. Chapters may host up to two (2) events an academic year at a third-party vendor without a guest list. Outside those two events, non-members attending a chapter function may do so only by personal invitation of a chapter member who shall assume personal responsibility for the welfare of the guest and any damage to property caused by said guest. Chapters must abide by the guest list limitations set forth by the University’s Student Guidelines.

14. A list of members, new members/associates with their birth dates and non-members should be located at the entrance of the event so their invitation and identification can be checked.

15. In the event a member is a campus resident and returns to campus from an event due to the inability to care for their self, the chapter is responsible for contacting the Resident Assistant on duty. If the RA is not available, the chapter shall be responsible for contacting the University Police Department.

16. These policies shall also apply to the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, Greek Week, Order of Omega, and all other inter-Greek functions.
4. Hazing

1. Members of fraternities and sororities may not engage in any hazing activities. Hazing is prohibited by both Texas law, specifically the Texas Education Code 37.001 and SHSU policy. Engaging in hazing may result in disciplinary action, up to and including separation from the University, as well as suspension or revocation of a chapter’s recognition.

2. The following Hazing Policy was passed by the Texas State Legislature relating to offenses related to hazing at or in connection with an educational institution.

   a. "Educational institution" includes a public or private:
      i. high school.
      ii. or college, university, or another postsecondary educational establishment
   b. "New Member" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in any organization
   c. "New Member Process" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization
   d. "Student" means any person who:
      i. is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution.
      ii. has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or
      iii. intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation.
   e. "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, or service, social, or a similar group, whose members are primarily students at an educational institution.
   f. "Hazing" means any intentional knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are students at an educational institution. The term includes but is not limited to:
      i. Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
      ii. Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
      iii. Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm, or which adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
      iv. Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or that adversely effects the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection.
      v. Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Texas Education Code 37.001.
3. **Personal Hazing Offense**

A person commits an offense if the person:

a. engages in hazing.

   i. solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing.
   ii. intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur; or
   iii. has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report said knowledge in writing to the Dean of Students or other appropriate officials of the institution.

b. The offense of failing to report is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000, confinement in county jail for not more than 180 days, or both such fine and confinement.

c. Any other offense under this section which does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $1,000, confinement in county jail for not less than 90 days nor more than 180 days, or both such fine and confinement.

d. Any other offense under this section which causes serious bodily injury to another is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $1,000 nor more than $5,000, confinement in county jail for not less than 180 days nor more than one year, or both such fine and confinement.

e. Any other offense under this section which causes the death of another is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $5,000 nor more than $10,000, confinement in county jail for not less than one year nor more than two years, or both such fine and confinement.

f. Except when an offense causes the death of a student in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on community service probationers by Subdivision (1), Subsection (e), and subsections (c), (d), (g), (h) of section 10 A. Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

4. **Organization Hazing Offense**

   a. An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

   b. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by

      i. 1) a fine of not less than $5,000 nor more than $10,000
      ii. 2) if a court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss. The court may sentence the organization to pay a fine of not less than $5,000 nor more than double the amount loss or expenses incurred because of such injury, damage, or loss.
5. **Consent Not a Defense**

a. It is not a defense to prosecution for the offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity. The following subset is outlined in the *Student Guidelines*.

i. Immunity From Prosecution Available - In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

ii. Offenses in Addition to Other Penal Provisions - This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

iii. Reporting by Medical Authorities - A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

5. **Enforcement**

1. It shall be the specific responsibility of the chapter president to see that this policy is communicated each semester to all members (initiates and new members/associate members), and to see that his/her chapter strictly adheres to the policy.

2. Fraternities and sororities should understand that not only is the chapter responsible for preventing hazing in any form, but all members involved in a hazing violation will be held personally accountable for their actions.

3. Chapters are responsible for controlling the actions of their alumni members during initiation or pre-initiation activities.

4. The Dean of Students’ Office will be notified promptly of all alleged hazing incidents; the handling of such cases is subject to the Dean of Students.

5. The national/international affiliated office of a fraternity or sorority will be notified of any hazing charges pending against their chapter and will be informed of the disposition of the case. For serious or repeated violations, the national/international affiliated office will be requested to take appropriate corrective action in addition to the sanctions imposed by the University.

6. Any established hazing case may result in revocation of recognition for the chapter and a recommendation to the national/international affiliated office of the fraternity or sorority of revocation of their charter.

7. Fraternities and sororities are expected to comply with the provisions of affiliated councils Constitutions and Bylaws.
8. Hazing is a crime in the State of Texas, as defined above. Incidents of hazing will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency if the investigation of the incident provides sufficient evidence to indicate that the matter falls within the hazing definition in the Penal Code.

6. Harassment and Abusive Behavior

1. Fraternities and sororities may not engage in any organizational activities involving sexually abusive behavior (whether verbal or physical) or behavior that is lewd, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate.

2. Fraternities and sororities may not engage in any organizational activities involving physical or verbal behavior that makes persons the subject of harassment, intimidation, or hostility because of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, gender identity, gender expression, affectional or sexual orientation, or disability.

3. Fraternity and sorority members shall not engage in any physical abuse of the person or property of any member of the campus community nor may chapter members threaten such physical abuse.

7. Governance

1. The University recognizes that the governing bodies for the Greek community are the Panhellenic Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the Interfraternity Council.

2. Each sorority and fraternity also has an executive board, a constitution, and bylaws which govern the chapter. In addition, each chapter must abide by its national/international organization’s constitution and bylaws.

3. When a complaint is received by the Dean of Students’ Office regarding a fraternity or sorority, the president of the accused fraternity/sorority will be notified, and a copy of the notice will be sent to the chapter advisor/advisory board chair of the accused fraternity/sorority.

4. Chapters in violation of the Student Guidelines including risk management, hazing, or other student organization conduct violations will be referred to the Dean of Students’ Office. Violations of affiliated council rules will be referred to the related council’s judicial board.

5. All disciplinary action is subject to the review and approval of the Dean of Students’ Office.

III. Advisors

1. Advisors are critical to the success of the individual chapters and the Greek system. They provide continuity from year to year, wisdom from experience, and a perspective broader than that of the undergraduate members. It is the responsibility of the undergraduate members to regularly seek out the advice of their respective chapter advisors. Each chapter must have a chapter advisor and/or alumni advisory
board. At a minimum, the University expects the following of the chapter advisor/alumni advisory board:

a. Meet regularly with chapter officers,
b. Be familiar with University policies governing fraternities and sororities and ensure that the chapter complies with such policies,
c. Regularly review chapter finances,
d. Review the chapter’s new member development (pledging) program and ensure that no chapter activities involve hazing in any form,
e. Assist University officials in dealing with problems or other situations involving the chapter,
f. Be represented at meetings of chapter Greek advisors,
g. To attend and support chapter activities.

h. As advisors are critical to the success of organization, it is required as a part of the annual registration that each organization recruit a faculty or staff advisor in addition to their alumni advisors. These advisor names should be reported to the Department of Student Activities at the beginning of each academic year.

IV. Revision and Review

1. All four Councils may initiate a proposal for revision of this document by a joint recommendation. The Greek chapter advisors may initiate a proposal for revision of this document by joint resolution. All recommendations and resolutions must be submitted by May 31st.

2. This document shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Dean of Students and SHSU Greek Life staff.