

Sorority and Fraternity Life Frequently Asked Questions

Chapter Members and New Member Questions

1) **Is Spring recruitment now cancelled?**

No, there will be a Spring recruitment as scheduled and eligible chapters (chapters not under current sanctions/restrictions by the Office of the Dean of Students) will be permitted to participate and recruit new members.

2) **How does this impact our new members?**

As part of this new standard, chapters will be required to develop positive and safe new member education plans. Your new members will learn more about your organization and the meaning of membership all delivered in a way that promotes health and safety.

3) **What information can I communicate to my chapter members?**

You should communicate the release detailing the new standard and information provided to you by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. If you have not updated your members' contact information in HuskySync, please do that so we can send out community-wide communications.

4) **What does a probationary period mean?**

During an 18-month period, chapters will have the opportunity to create and implement plans that address the new reforms. Chapters who do not work toward the creation and implementation of these plans may face suspension by the University.

5) **What do we have to do to get the probation status lifted?**

By completing all aspects of the new reform and following the 18-month probationary period, chapters will have the opportunity to have their probationary status lifted.

6) **Are you here to shut down Greek Life?**

No. The University is committed to supporting fraternity and sorority life and has taken steps to invest resources into its operations. The University recently hired a Director with extensive fraternity and sorority life experience and placed the office under the Office of the University President. Additionally, the Director is working to hire two graduate assistants for the Spring semester who will provide advising and educational programming support. We recognize the beneficial experience one can have when a member of a safe and thriving organization.

7) **What is the university's plan for direct, on-going communication with the community?**

We are committed to being as transparent as possible and will communicate the information to the community as it relates to and affects them.

Parent Questions

1) How can we support our student?

It is important to continue to check in with your student to see how they are doing. We understand that this may be a difficult time for them and that they may have questions. Encouraging them to continue with their membership is important. Should they have questions or need additional information, please have them visit the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life KUB 349 or email stgreek@bloomu.edu.

2) Will there be a website where I can get more information or updates?

Yes, please visit bloomu.edu/ofsl for more information and updates.

Advisory Board Members

1) What can we do to support the chapter during this time?

You can support the chapter by assisting them with the creation and implementation of the plans as described in the reforms. You can also support chapter members by encouraging them to embrace this probationary period as an opportunity to implement positive changes within their organization.

2) Will OFSL provide us with updates?

Yes, we will be providing updates via direct email and via the website bloomu.edu/ofsl.