

Greek Presidents Council Meeting

March 1, 2018



Chapter representatives in Attendance

Kate Hermann: Alpha Phi	Sam Wakitsch: Tri Delta	Clarissa Lee: Gamma Phi Beta
Josh Ames: Sigma Chi	Alexis Dilg: Alpha Chi Omega	Melissa Bidinger: Tri Sigma
Lucretia Jordan-Smith: Zeta Phi Zeta	Taylor Pruitt: Alpha Delta Pi	Daniel Davis: Delta Chi
Caleb Kappler: Pi Kappa Alpha	Stefan Clenin: Lambda Chi Alpha	Peter Sanford: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Jamari Holloway: Omega Psi Phi	Ray Killian: Sigma Nu	Taiya Wright: Alpha Xi Delta
Elwood Voss: Phi Delta Theta	Trevon Buckner: Alpha Phi Alpha	

Monthly Chapter Reports & Rosters

- Chapters have been very responsive in terms of updating their rosters. The change to google docs appears, from a Greek Life office point of view, to have been a success in terms of updated rosters. No concerns were expressed from chapters about their change and there was support that the change was seen as easier for chapters to update. Chapters were reminded that rosters can be updated at any time and that chapter President do not need to wait until the 10th of each month to update a roster.

University Greek Life Website

- Includes links to each chapter's risk management policy or national officer (harm reduction information), copies of our President's Council meeting notes (under resources), and the Greek calendar. Chapters are encouraged to submit their events via the University calendar and note the event is a Greek Life event.

Greek Five Star Chapter program

- The submission process is complete. We had 16 submissions this year, up from 12 last year. Thank you to the students who worked to complete this submission. Evaluation being done by a Southeast faculty and staff who are Greek, but who are not members of chapters we have here at Southeast. Notification of award winners will be shared as part of Greek Week, as has been the practice in the past related to the former accreditation process. A copy of the Five Star chapter program can be found at <http://www.semo.edu/greeklife/resources.html>

Flu

- The campus is seeing cases of flu. Chapters, like we did last year during the mumps outbreak, should be mindful of how the flu could impact them and their chapters. For students who are sick the campus does have a Campus temp out process: <http://www.semo.edu/dean/>

Expansion

- As a public University the campus is not "closed" to expansion by any chapter. Some national governing councils may choose to require their member organizations to self-regulate who can/cannot expand to a campus, however, this is not a University policy. For any chapter to expand to Southeast they must first become a registered student organization and then it would be the responsibility of the relevant governing council to decide if that organization can become a member. Please speak with Bruce if you have specific questions about other groups expanding to Southeast. The campus has been contacted by

various organizations about joining the campus, one (non-NPC sorority) plans to visit after spring break to consider their possible expansion.

Greek Foundations

- The Office of Greek Life is hosting Greek Foundations for spring new members on March 7 at 5:00pm in Glenn Auditorium or March 8 at 5:00pm Glenn Auditorium. New members need only attend one session and if there are conflicts with these times this can be done by individual chapters if needed, please speak with Bruce to arrange.

Guests

- Dr. Vargas, Sonia Rucker, and Trae Mitten were noted as possible guests for the next Presidents Council meeting on April 12. Bruce to follow up on invitations.

Retreat Follow up

Discussion on January retreat items, including progress made in some area and future follow up on select items.

Where could the University be of more help to your chapter/Council?

- Feature positive aspects of Greek Life on websites, pamphlets, etc.
- To have professor that understand the demand of Greek Life- Philanthropy, Leadership, Study Hours, etc.
- Different Judicial Systems that deal with Greeks
- Non Greek student organizations should work and support Greek organizations
- Assist with better communication between councils and chapters
- I think communication is used well, it may be a lot of emails but I haven't missed anything yet, you also have quick response time which is really beneficial to me
- I can't think of anything we need from the university, but if the university ever needs our help we'd love to help our school
- The university should have a committee responsible for show casing Greek events that reflects positively to the media
- Greeks are always looking to do service, If the university ever needs volunteers, we'd like to be reached out to
- I'd like to see the university include Greek Life in more campus activities. (i.e. Athletics). I'd also like to see the university to promote Greek Life in more ways than they already do.
- One thing I wish the university would do for Greek Life is inform the professors on our academic excellence and accomplishments

What are your frustrations related to Greek Life at Southeast?

- "Guilty until proven innocent" mentality. Receive little faculty/ staff support when needed
- Chapters get in trouble for doing stuff other chapters do but those chapters don't get in trouble
- Poor communication and/ or lack thereof
- Student Conduct is clearly anti Greek; unfair Judicial System
- I hate that there feels like a wall between Greeks and Non Greeks
- The way the university handles suspension/probation; when my chapter got put on probation it seemed like they automatically assumed we were guilty and they were not very respectful towards us
- I would hope that if my chapter ever gets in trouble with the university, we would know what is required of us to get back in good standing right away. It was unfair that recent chapters went so long without knowing their punishment
- Athletes need to advocate for Greeks more and create a culture that is fun, inviting, and will boost future enrollment
- Not sure if you have this but I think it would be important/ beneficial to have each organizations Risk Management plan to know what each of their expectations are
- I dislike the lack of unity among the 3 councils
- University not letting first year students live in Greek Village; Hurting chapters financially when a member drops out of school who lived in the Village
- We (Greek Life) are guilty until proven innocent

- It seems like Greek Life is held to high standards when it comes to drinking and hazing, yet SEMO's sports teams do the same thing – and it seems like NOTHING happens
- Punishing the entire chapter for actions of few or even one member
- Discrimination towards Greek Life; IFC/ NPHC/ NPC
- The tension between chapters; we should be more supportive of each other's accomplishments
- I wish more fraternities were given housing options on Greek Hill
- Greek Life emails could be clearer! They can be confusing at times, maybe weekly emails?