

Manual of Operations for Fraternity and Sorority Life

WVU Tech Student Life

Purpose and Goals

- To establish an informational and regulatory document for the operations of fraternities and sororities at WVU Tech.
- To create a stable and growing Greek Life community at WVU Tech.
- To create an environment that supports the educational goals of Greek Life members. This includes supporting student success through academic, leadership, and service programs.

Timeline of Events

- Fall 2017
 - move to Beckley Campus
 - Greek Council Constitution Update
 - Greek Council Executive Committee visit to WVU Greek Life
 - WVU Tech Student Life begins process of developing operation manual for fraternities and sororities
- Spring 2018
 - Greek Council Constitution Update Ongoing
 - WVU announces the pause and reset of Greek Life on Main Campus
 - WVU Tech Student Life presents operation manual for feedback/comment
- Fall 2018
 - WVU Tech implements operation manual for fraternities and sororities at WVU Tech

West Virginia University Community Standards (abbreviated)

- Fraternity and Sorority Manual of Operations shall govern activity through clear policy and procedures, concurrently with Student Code of Conduct
- Raising minimum chapter average GPAs to 2.75 with goal of 3.00 by Fall 2020
- Raising minimum membership GPA to 2.75 with goal of 3.00 by Fall 2020
- Regular advisor trainings
- New member education period will be no longer than 4 weeks

WVU Tech Fraternities GPA

| | Fraternity Fall 2017 Semester GPA | Fraternity Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Phi Kappa Tau | 2.91 | 2.94 |
| Sigma Pi | 1.99 | 2.39 |
| | 2.45 | 2.665 |
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| | New Member Fall 2017 Semester GPA | New Member Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
| Phi Kappa Tau | 2.49 | 2.49 |
| Sigma Pi | 1.79 | 2.21 |
| | 2.14 | 2.35 |

WVU Tech Sororities GPA

| | Sorority Fall 2017 Semester GPA | Sorority Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alpha Sigma Tau | 2.54 | 2.68 |
| Delta Kappa Theta | 1.67 | 2.03 |
| | 2.105 | 2.355 |
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| | New Member Fall 2017 Semester GPA | New Member Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
| Alpha Sigma Tau | 2.36 | 2.34 |
| Delta Kappa Theta | 2.04 | 2.04 |
| | 2.2 | 2.19 |

WVU Tech Greek Life GPA

| | All Greek Fall 2017 Semester GPA | All Greek Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fraternity | 2.45 | 2.665 |
| Sorority | 2.1 | 2.35 |
| | 2.275 | 2.5075 |
| | New Member Fall 2017 Semester GPA | New Member Fall 2017 Culumlative GPA |
| Fraternity | 2.14 | 2.35 |
| Sorority | 2.2 | 2.19 |
| | 2.17 | 2.27 |

New Student GPA - Fall 2017

| | First Time Student Fall 2017 Semester GPA |
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| Fraternity | 2.033 |
| Sorority | 1.728 |
| | 1.8805 |

| | Fall 2017 GPA |
|---------------------|---------------|
| First Time Students | 2.6 |
| Transfer Students | 2.72 |
| All New Students | 2.66 |

Highlights

- Governance
- Academic Performance Standards
- Recruitment Definitions
- Recruitment Guidelines
- Assessment Program
- Social Event Policy

Governance

- The Division of Student Life Manual for Operations for Fraternity and Sorority Life will govern activity by providing clear policies and procedures for Greek Life at WVU Tech.
- The Manual for Operations will be reviewed periodically.
- Greek Council (future IFC, NPHC, and Panhellenic) will continue to operate and serve as coordinating bodies.

Academic Performance Standards

- Each chapter will identify a faculty/staff mentor to work with the chapter on academic performance.
- Minimum GPA standard for a fraternity or sorority will be an overall GPA of least a 2.50.
- Implementation of academic improvement plan for chapters that fall below the 2.50 standard.
- Greek Council members and all executive positions within recognized fraternity and sorority chapters/colonies must possess at the time of election and maintain a minimum 2.50 overall GPA unless the council/fraternity or sorority constitution states a higher GPA requirement.

Recruitment Definitions

- Office of Student Programming and Organizations will work with Greek Council to establish a formal recruitment week for fall and spring semesters.
- Informal recruitment is less structured and will occur the four weeks immediately following formal "Recruitment Week."
- The University will be moving away from Continuous Open Bidding, also known as "Open Recruitment."
- Initiation of new members/associates should occur within the semester in which bids are accepted.

Recruitment Guidelines

- No formal recruitment activities are to occur until the beginning of Formal/Informal Recruitment period.
- To be eligible for membership in a fraternity or sorority, a student will be a full-time student in good standing with WVU Tech with no less than 12 earned credits and a minimum 2.50 overall GPA. Transfer students with at least 12 earned credits from a recognized institution of higher learning with a minimum 2.50 overall GPA are eligible.
- Eligibility will be verified by the Office of Student Programming and Organizations.

Assessment Program

- Each organization is required to submit a completed Assessment Program packet each year to the Office of Student Programming and Organizations.
- WVU Tech Student Life may publish information regarding chapter GPA, service hours completed, and fundraising efforts related to philanthropy.

Social Event Policy

- Restricted Event
 - Any activity with non-members sponsored by a member chapter of Greek Council where alcohol is present
 - Any activity where the number of people from any chapter leads people to believe that it is a function of that fraternity or sorority.

Ongoing Support for Greek Life

- Student Life will:
 - Facilitate activities to improve and enhance academic, leadership and service development for members of fraternities and sororities.
 - Provide trainings for advisors and chapters.
 - Provide support to fraternities and sororities to facilitate recruitment efforts.
 - Promote and support efforts for expansion and growth for the WVU Tech Greek Life community.
 - Serve as educational partners with the Greek Life community to support individual member and chapter excellence.
 - Establish a webpage with information about chapters, links for the operations manual, forms and other information for the Greek community.

Comment Period & Review of Manual

- Written comments will be accepted through March 30, 2018.
- A committee including Student Life representatives, faculty, student representatives (fraternity member and sorority member) selected from Greek Council will review comments.
- Policies will be adopted and implemented in Fall 2018.

Website

<https://students.wvutech.edu/student-organizations/fraternity-and-sorority-life>

Questions?