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COLONIZING POLICY

National organizations of social fraternities who are interested in colonizing in the Interfraternity Council (IFC) must indicate interest in forming a colony to the University of North Texas (UNT) Greek Life Office.

An interest statement received by the UNT Greek Life Office shall include, at minimum, the following:

♦ Reason for choosing UNT
♦ Proposed timeline for forming an interest group and/or colony
♦ Listing of proposed professional headquarters staff support for colonization
♦ Listing of proposed alumni and/or volunteers support for colonization
♦ Any additional brochures and/or documents which outline the national fraternity’s historical information, list of current chapters, and service/philanthropic pursuits and/or partnerships
♦ An initial point of contact with the national fraternity whose primary responsibility is expansion
♦ Any other information received by the UNT Greek Life Office is welcomed and shall be taken into consideration

The UNT Greek Life Office and IFC will provide support to a maximum of two new organizations annually (based on a calendar year).

Any inter/national organizations holding membership in more than one national umbrella organization (NPHC, NIC, NALFO, NMGC) will not be affected by the two year minimum.

Proposals for membership will be reviewed upon receiving all required documentation (outlined above). National organizations will be contacted by a representative from the Greek Life Office of UNT within six (6) weeks of receiving all required documentation.

Any inter/national organization must ensure its charter will not contain any clause prohibiting membership based on any criteria related to social identity.

All information should be sent to the following address:

Greek Life Office
P.O. Box 305069
Denton, Texas 76203

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COLONIZING FRATERNITY AGREEMENT

The request for colonizing by all inter/nationally-affiliated Greek-letter fraternities must be accompanied by this signed agreement.

1. Membership information will be provided at the request of the Greek Life Office.
2. Members of any student organization must be matriculated students at the University of North Texas (UNT).
3. A faculty/staff advisor must be obtained, per Student Organization Policy.
4. A local chapter advisor must be obtained to work with the interest group/colony/chapter on an ongoing basis. A full advisory team which includes a member of the inter/national organization, whose primary responsibility is expansion, is preferred.
5. The inter/national fraternity of the colonizing organization must show proof of a minimum $1,000,000 liability insurance policy.
6. No inter/national fraternity shall employ a program of new member education which includes any form of hazing (see Texas state statute for detailed information).
7. It is the responsibility of all fraternities and their membership to comply with university policies and regulations concerning organization and individual member behavior. Organizations must adhere to the UNT Student Code of Conduct, inter/national organization requirements, Interfraternity Council (IFC) governing documents and policies, as well as local, state, and federal laws.

Greek Housing: In the case a inter/national fraternity seeks housing, the following conditions apply:

1. Representatives of the inter/national fraternity must, within two years from date of colonization, meet with the Office of Greek Life and create a long-range plan for on campus housing for its members.
2. The local house corporation board must work with the UNT Greek Architectural Control Committee when developing a housing plan.

DISSOLUTION OF FRATERNITIES

A period of no more than 30 days will be allowed to correct a situation found to be in conflict with this agreement, with the exception to situations in which laws are not adhered. At this time, if the situation is not corrected, the inter/national organization agrees to dissolve the colonizing organization. Recognition will be withdrawn by the university and the IFC.

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TIMELINE OF COLONIZATION

While UNT and the IFC maintain an open colonization policy, the UNT Office of Greek Life will work in partnership with organizational constituents to determine the timeline for the fraternity colonization process.

I ________________________________ Fraternity agrees to all contents of this document.

Inter/national Organization Official Representative

Printed name ________________________________ Fraternity title/position

Signature ________________________________ Date

Interfraternity Council President

Signature ________________________________ Date

Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life

Signature ________________________________ Date

Dean of Students

Signature ________________________________ Date

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COLONIZING FRATERNITY STUDENT AGREEMENT

The colonizing organization must sign the University of North Texas (UNT) Interfraternity Council (IFC) Risk Management Policy.

Within two weeks of its first organizational meeting, the colony must complete the student organization registration process with the Student Activities and Organizations Office. A minimum of three members is required to begin the registration process.

No inter/national fraternity or colonizing fraternity shall employ a program of new member education which includes any form of hazing (see Texas state statute for detailed information).

It is the responsibility of all fraternities and their membership to comply with all university policies and regulations concerning organization and individual member behavior/conduct. Registered organizations must adhere to the UNT Student Code of Conduct, inter/national organization requirements, Interfraternity Council (IFC) governing documents and policies, as well as all local, state, and federal laws.

Upon completion of all appropriate documentation the colonizing organization shall be granted full rights and privileges of IFC membership.

Inter/national Colonizing Organization Student Representative

Printed name

Student ID #

Signature

Date

Interfraternity Council President

Signature

Date

Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life

Signature

Date

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