



## **Fraternity & Sorority Life Recognition Policy**

Recognition is the formal process by which Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) agrees that a particular social fraternity or sorority may function as a recognized organization on campus, recruit members, and enjoy the benefits associated with being a registered student organization.

Recognition as an MSU Denver fraternity or sorority involves meeting minimum expectations and benefitting from services and opportunities provided by the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion and Metropolitan State University of Denver.

The purpose of this recognition policy is to ensure that the establishment of fraternities and sororities occurs in a manner conducive to the educational mission of MSU Denver, including carefully developed plans for successful establishment and installation, as well as plans for providing a meaningful and rewarding experience for the students choosing to join a fraternity and sorority community.

- I. Minimum Expectations of and Benefits to Recognized Fraternities and Sororities
  - a. Minimum expectation of recognized fraternities and sororities
    - i. Be a chapter of an inter-national organizations (incorporation, national officers, etc.)
    - ii. Hold a liability insurance policy of a minimum of one million dollars.
    - iii. Participate in the MSU Denver fraternity and sorority accreditation program.
    - iv. Adhere to all University policies as they pertain to fraternities and sororities, registered student organizations, and students.
    - v. Adhere to the fraternity and sorority community-wide policies, including risk management policies.
    - vi. Participate in the appropriate governing council and follow respective council policies.
    - vii. Maintain a current roster of all chapter members with the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion that includes full names, student ID numbers, and contact information.
  - b. Benefits recognized fraternities and sororities receive
    - i. Recognition as a registered MSU Denver student organization and all privileges afforded to recognized groups including access to campus room reservations, access to an on-campus business account, etc.
    - ii. Access to leadership development, scholarship, and educational opportunities and programs.
    - iii. Recruitment support and presence in community-wide promotional efforts and outreach.
    - iv. Compilation and provision of a grade report each semester.
    - v. Listing in University publications, websites, and directories.
    - vi. Access to advisory support from professional staff in the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion.
    - vii. Use of the University's name and logo when identifying the student organization.

## II. Process of Recognition

- a. Apply for recognition to the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff within the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion for review. An application for recognition includes the following components:
  - i. Statement and pledge of sponsorship from an inter/national organization including articulation of commitment to abide by MSU Denver policies, regulations, and procedures and uphold MSU Denver values.
  - ii. Contact information for the Individual serving as the University contact from the inter/national organization.
  - iii. Identification of an advisor (with contact information included).
  - iv. Plans for the (re)establishment of the organization (including any relevant promotional and recruitment activities, based staff, etc.).
  - v. Recruitment and new member/intake procedures for the organization.
  - vi. Outline of risk management policy and proof of liability insurance (one million dollars minimum).
  - vii. Source of support for the new group.
  - viii. If the organization exists as an interest group, names and student ID numbers of interest group members should be provided.
  - ix. Note, the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion (CMEI) does not use the words "colony" or "colonization" for purposes connected to the history of colonization in the United States and the impact use of that language has on a variety of marginalized populations as well as what it connotes connected to the history of fraternities and sororities. For that reason, we ask that organizations referring to their interest group or pre-chartered group on our campus and campus partners and prospective members. The CMEI staff typically uses "interest group" or "pre-chartered group" to refer to groups that are working towards receiving their charter. Additionally, the CMEI staff uses "establishment" or "reestablishment" to refer to the process of a new group beginning as part of the MSU Denver fraternity and sorority community.
- b. Once materials are submitted, the Fraternity & Sorority Life Staff within the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion will review and follow up with the organization regarding the next steps, including meetings/conversations.
- c. After approval by the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion, the organization will be referred to the appropriate governing council for review. An organization must be recognized by one of two fraternity and sorority governing councils to be a recognized fraternity or sorority at MSU Denver.
  - i. Each governing council has a unique process for recognition detailed in their bylaws.
- d. Upon approval from both a governing council and the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion, the organization will be considered a recognized fraternity or sorority.

## III. Standing of Chapters

- a. After the recognition is granted by MSU Denver and the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion, the group is assumed to be in good standing. Violations of MSU Denver and the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion policies will be investigated and adjudicated per the MSU Denver Code of Conduct. This does not preclude the inter/national organization from taking independent action on a violation. Outcomes related to the conduct process may result in loss of good standing or loss of recognition. Additional information about the student organization conduct process can be reviewed at length in the MSU Denver Code of Conduct.
- b. Groups are expected to observe the expectations of the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion as listed previously in this document to remain a recognized organization on campus.