



Millersville University

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Campus Life

Millersville University Fraternity & Sorority Life Recognition Policy

I. Relationship Statement

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life under Campus Life recognizes and strives to support social fraternities and sororities chartered at Millersville University. Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) serves as a pillar for involvement on campus. FSL contributes to students discovering a sense of belonging while developing a connection to their future alma matter.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is committed to maintaining a relationship between Millersville University and fraternities and sororities. This policy will assist with defining rights of recognition and responsibilities expected from recognized/chartered organizations.

II. Recognition Defined

Recognition as a social fraternity or sorority is granted by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life in conjunction with Millersville University. University recognition is a privilege and involves certain rights and responsibilities. Rights of Recognition includes:

- To utilize the University name along with the organization's name.
- The privilege of self-governing internal organization affairs.
- To use University facilities
- To participate in new member recruitment and intake programs and processes
- To participate as an organization in university-sponsored activities including, but not limited to, intramural sports, Homecoming, and Greek Week
- To receive assistance and support from university personnel and access to university resources.

Recognition is divided into three categories: good standing, inactive, and probational. In addition, there are two categories in which a group can lose the privilege of recognition. Recognition can be Suspended or Withdrawn.

If a previously recognized local fraternity or sorority applies for recognition, they will need to work with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to provide a five (5) years sustainability plan.

III. Levels of Recognition

1. Chapters in good standing (i.e. not suspended or under probation and currently have active undergraduates) can continue to exercise their rights of recognition as listed above.
2. Inactive chapters focused on reviving their chapter can also exercise their rights of recognition as listed above. Inactive chapters will need to work with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to reserve spaces on campus and to promote events on Get Involved. Chapters in this level should reference the Expansion Policy for more information.
3. Probationary Recognition may entail temporary withdrawal of certain University services and benefits. In addition, Millersville University may apply specific sanctions against a chapter for a specified period. These sanctions involve the imposition of a schedule of corrective action or a judicial sanction. If further infractions occur, or if the corrective actions or sanction(s) are not met, University recognition may be suspended or withdrawn.

Organizations looking to expand to Millersville University should refer to the Expansion Policy for more information.

IV. Criteria for Continued Recognition

For an organization to retain full recognition by the University, all fraternity and sorority chapters must abide by the following:

1. Follow goals listed in the Greek Chapter Assessment Tool (GCAT).
2. Adhere to the policies and procedures of Millersville University, Campus Life and their Inter/National Headquarters.
3. Be affiliated with an inter/national fraternity or sorority unless the local organization was created prior to 2023.
4. Maintain an updated chapter roster of active and new members with officer positions and requested member information.
5. Maintain insurance coverage required by the University and submit Certificate(s) of Insurance at the start of each academic year and upon request. If the COI expires during the academic school year, chapters should request new certificates as soon as possible to provide to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
6. Maintain and submit an updated chapter constitution, bylaws, recruitment/intake dates and programs, and other documents where applicable or requested.
7. Provide a current new member/associate education plan to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life prior to extending bids to students who are eligible for membership.
8. Meet regularly, as determined by the University, with the chapter's designated chapter coach through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

9. Adhere to the minimum requirements for membership when extending invitations for membership to potential new members/interests.
10. Signed copies of the *Millersville University Fraternity & Sorority Life Hazing Awareness Acknowledgment* must be on file in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life for ALL chapter members and new members.
11. Signed copies of the *Millersville University Fraternity & Sorority Life Records Release Form* must be on file in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life for ALL new members.
12. Adhere to all University organizational policies and procedures as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
13. Comply with all National, State, Local, University, governing council, and Inter/National Headquarters standards.

To remain as a Chapter in good standing and for inactive chapters, a chapter must provide the above information to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life as indicated on the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life calendar. Failure to provide this information may result in a review of the organization's recognition status with the office.

Organizations must also refer to appropriate governing council documents for additional requirements or restrictions.

V. Loss of Recognition

The University may suspend or withdraw recognition of a Recognized Chapter for failure to comply with the expectations as set forth in Section IV: Criteria for Continued Recognition. A change in recognition would take place through the student conduct process. Suspension or withdrawal of recognition will go into effect at the conclusion of the related disciplinary process. The terms of the suspension or withdrawal of recognition are as follows:

1. **SUSPENSION OF RECOGNITION** is loss of university recognition for a prescribed period during which certain activities and privileges may be suspended. Suspension of Recognition will involve the imposition of a schedule of corrective action or a judicial sanction. Should recognition be restored, the chapters will be granted Probationary Recognition for one year prior to the reinstatement of Full Recognition.
2. **WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION** revokes the recognition granted by Millersville University and requires the chapter to immediately cease all operations. Upon Withdrawal of Recognition the chapter shall be ineligible to apply for university recognition for a period of time based on a determination by the University and the Inter/National Headquarters.

After the specified period has elapsed, the organization must meet the requirements for starting a new fraternity or sorority as specified in the Expansion Policy

Chapters whose recognition has been withdrawn by the University or were never granted recognition through a University-sanctioned expansion process but exist and operate as an unrecognized organization, shall not be eligible for recognition. The Office of Fraternity and

Sorority Life requests that students who are aware of unrecognized organizations hosting new member intake email FSL@millersville.edu to report such activities.