

North Texas Greek Life Community Standards



Standards of Excellence Report

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Standards of Excellence Purpose Statement

The University of North Texas (UNT) Office of Greek Life advocates a *Standards of Excellence* program to promote a high quality level of performance among all Fraternities and Sororities on campus. The *Standards of Excellence* have been designed with several goals in mind: to assess chapter performance, address areas that the university and/or individual chapter(s) feel are of concern, provide avenues to recognize progressing and/or excelling chapters, serve as a equalizer for chapters of all councils, cultures, sizes, etc., enrich the diversity of the Greek Community, and elevate the quality of education and student experience at UNT.

While the *Standards of Excellence* serve as a benchmark and illustrate the successes of individual chapters, the Office of Greek Life will continue to actively assist with and develop chapter strategies for organizations and their members.

In addition to the *Standards of Excellence*, chapters are, at minimum, expected to comply with all local, inter/national organization policies, all appropriate council governing documents, the UNT Student Code of Conduct, as well as any additional requirements set forth by the Student Activities Center and the Office of Greek Life.

It is the ultimate goal of the Office of Greek Life that chapters will not only meet, but exceed the criteria outlined in the *Standards of Excellence*.

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Point Breakdown:

Five Stars:	1,000- above points earned
Four Stars:	876- 1,000 points earned
Three & Half Stars:	751-875 points earned
Three Stars:	626-750 points earned
Two & Half Stars:	501-625 points earned
Two Stars:	251-500 points earned
One Star:	0-250 points earned

Any questions should be directed to:

Office of Greek Life
940-369-8463
University Union 422

I certify that all the information supplied in the Standards reporting, and all accompanying documentation, is true.

Chapter President (Print)

Chapter Advisor (Print)

Chapter President (Signature)

Chapter Advisor (Signature)

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Standards Reporting Guidelines

- Deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to the Office of Greek Life.
- Standards reporting period will cover **Spring & Fall Semesters of 2012.**
- Materials must be contained in a standard three-ring binder.
- All documents must be typed.
- Each section must be in the binder using tabs and section numbers are written out on the top corner of each document. (Section 1, Section 2, Section 3, Section 4)
- Each section must be identified on all documents at the upper-right hand corner and supporting documents must be included within each section. Points will be deducted if the report is not neat and orderly.
- All documentation must be included in the appropriate section. If documentation can be used for more than one section, a copy **MUST** be in each section (i.e. no reference should be made to another section and there should be no appendix). Ensure the documentation can be understood and easily interpreted by a person who is completely unfamiliar with your chapter and campus.
- All materials must be secured in the binder.
- Documents **should not** be submitted in slip covers
- Fancy and elaborate decorations (i.e. graphics, pictures, etc.) are **not necessary**. The focus is the text answers, documentations, and programs you attach.
- Remember that your answers should be written as if the individuals reading it do not know anything about your chapter.
- **If no documentation is provided, then no points will be awarded.**
- Programs and events may be counted across multiple sections in order to encourage multipurpose programming.
- Failure to submit a Standards Report will result in the chapter *not* to be in “Good Standing” with the Office of Greek Life for all reports to Regional/National offices.

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Definition of Terms

Hosting: Hosting an event is when an organization has an event at a designated location and the event has invited others outside of their organization to attend

Participating: When an organization attends an event that was planned, promoted, and financed by another organization/department.

Co-Sponsoring: When an organization works with another organization in the planning, promoting, workings, or finance of an event together.

Philanthropy/Fundraising: When an organization/members plans an event/service to raise money for a cause or non-profit organization

Community Service: When an organization/members plan an event where their time and talent are used for a cause and does not deal with raising funds of any kind (hands-on service).

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Section I: 30%

Scholarship & Academics:

(Scholarship is the cornerstone of the collegiate experience and an area in which chapters, and individual members, should seek to excel.) Chapters should not only achieve these academic standards, but work towards excelling beyond the minimum standards outlined below.

Scholarship/Academics	
	Total Points Possible (300 pts.) Points Earned
<p>1.1 Chapter G.P.A. Above All-Council G.P.A. (100 pts.) <i>(No submission necessary. The information is on file with the Office of Greek Life)</i></p>	
<p>1.2 Chapter G.P.A. Above Either Men's or Women's G.P.A. (75 pts.) <i>(No submission necessary. The information is on file with the Office of Greek Life)</i></p>	
<p>1.3 Scholarship Policy/Plan of Action (50 pts.) Provide proper documentation of chapter academic plans. <i>(i.e. Officer Standards, Member Standings, Recruitment/Intake standards if able to share, etc.)</i></p>	
<p>1.4 Host academic programming for chapter (75 pts.) Submit the Section I form provided in the standards packet <i>(i.e. how do you implement your scholarship plan of action/policy through programs, workshops, etc.)</i></p>	

Bonus:

- 25 pts awarded if at least 10% of chapter members are above a 3.5 semester G.P.A. (12.5 pts. each semester) – *Will be added automatically by the Office of Greek Life if criteria is met.*
- 25 pts awarded if the Chapter’s semester G.P.A. is .2 above Men’s or Women’s G.P.A. (12.5 pts. each semester) – *Will be added automatically by the Office of Greek Life if criteria is met.*

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Section II: 25%

Contributions to Campus & Community

(In order to learn and grow as individuals, it is a necessity that chapter members positively contribute to their campus and surrounding community. Campus involvement enhances the undergraduate experience by encouraging students to reach out to other areas of campus life. Additionally, being supportive of the university and various departments/events will enhance the image of the organization and the learning of members)

Contributions to Campus & Community	
	Total Points Possible (250 pts.) Points Earned
<p>2.1 6 hours of Community Service/Member (80 pts.) <i>Provide a ROSTER of members who participated, hours each volunteered, and total hours volunteered for EACH SEMESTER.</i></p>	
<p>2.2 Campus Events (60 pts.) <i>Submit Section II form provided in the Standards packet to provide documentation of a co-sponsored event with a UNT Department or other Organization annually (i.e. SGA, UPC, Career Center, Athletics, Women’s Center, etc.).</i></p>	
<p>2.3 Host an event that contributes to & involves the campus and or community (60 pts.) <i>Submit Section II form provided in the Standards packet. Event(s) can include philanthropic/ community service component, or be a campus-wide event open to UNT students.</i></p>	
<p>2.4 Memberships in other organizations (30 pts.) <i>Provide a list of names with corresponding organizations and officer position for EACH SEMESTER. Points will be awarded if at least 50% of chapter members are involved in other campus organizations.</i></p>	
<p>2.5 Attendance at Athletic Events (20 pts.) <i>Provide documentation of a chapter organized attendance at a UNT Athletic Event once per semester. (Meeting minutes, picture(s), e-mail from listserv, etc.)</i></p>	

Bonus:

- 20 pts awarded for 100% of chapter members with 9 hours of community service each.
- 15 pts awarded for hosting an additional event.
- 10 pts awarded for holding officer positions in other campus organizations
- 05 pts awarded for attending 3 or more athletic events as a chapter.

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Section III: 20%

Chapter Management & Member Development

(To be effective as an organization, while enhancing the development of chapter members, specific attention should be paid to risk management and finances. New member development is also crucial for the growth and future of an organization. As a third tier, relationships with chapter alumni have a positive impact on the chapter as well. Greek alumni should work closely with the University and their chapters to promote and facilitate a positive experience for chapter leaders.)

Chapter Management & Member Development	
	Total Points Possible (200 pts.) Points Earned
<p>3.1 Greek 101 Attendance (25 pts.) <i>Will be verified by the Office of Greek Life. 80% attendance of new members is required for full points.</i></p>	
<p>3.2 New Member Development (25 pts.) <i>Provide an overview of your New Member Education Plan (if unable to share, a letter from an advisor/Regional Officer indicating that such plan exists will suffice)</i></p>	
<p>3.3 Member Development (50 pts.) <i>Submit Section III document provided in the Standards packet for an overview of member development programs, initiatives, workshops, and educational sessions. (if unable to share, a letter from an advisor indicating that such plan exists will suffice)</i></p>	
<p>3.4 Risk Management (25 pts.) <i>Submit Section III document provided in the Standards packet regarding chapter compliance of the Risk Management Policy for IFC chapters and/or documentation of the chapter holding at least one Training Session (i.e. fire safety, alcohol, etc.) for its membership.</i></p>	
<p>3.5 Finances (25 pts.) <i>Provide documentation that Chapter Financial Plan is submitted annually to the appropriate National/Regional Dir.</i></p>	
<p>3.6 Correspondence/Communication with Alumni Members & Chapter Advisor (25pts) <i>Provide documentation of correspondence at least two times during the reporting period. Correspondence may be in the form of a newsletter or other mailed information or in the form of electronic correspondence (email, Facebook invitation for alumni, etc.).</i></p>	
<p>3.7 Host an annual Alumni/Undergrad Event (25 pts.) <i>Provide a description of the event and an example of how the chapter communicates the information regarding this event effectively.</i></p>	

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Bonus:

- 15 pts awarded if an additional risk management training session is held during reporting period
- 10 pts if chapter did not receive any risk management violations within the year
- 05 pts if Chapter President attends Presidents Retreat
- 05 pts if 100% attendance at all Presidents Meetings
- 05 pts if 100% attendance at all Council Meetings
- 05 pts awarded for attendance at Greek Convocations
- 05 pts awarded for attendance at Unity Nights

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Section IV: 25%

Programming

(As fraternity and sorority members, it's important to us and those that critique us, that we "do what we say we will do." More specifically, social events such as philanthropies, campus events, guest lecturers, etc., assist in preparing students for the real world by providing opportunities in areas such as leadership, collaboration, and "well-rounded" life skills.)

Programming	
	Total Points Possible (250 pts.) Points Earned
<p>4.1 Hosting Social/Philanthropic Events (80 pts.) <i>Submit Section IV document provided in the Standards packet of one social or philanthropic event PER SEMESTER (i.e. philanthropy, mixer, campus event, etc.)</i></p>	
<p>4.2 Hosting an Educational Event (80 pts.) <i>Submit Section IV document provided in the Standards packet of one education event (i.e. guest lecturer, workshop, etc.)</i></p>	
<p>4.3 Co-Sponsoring an Educational Program (90 pts.) <i>Submit Section IV document provided in the standards packet of a sponsored event with an organization outside of your Council once each year. The event should offer an educational component (speaker, workshop, etc.)</i></p>	

Bonus:

- 20 pts awarded if an additional event was hosted. (10 pts each semester)
- 30 pts if two additional educational programs are co-sponsored throughout the year, one per semester. (15pts each semester)

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