

## Lawrence Technological University Greek Life Expansion Policy



This policy outlines Lawrence Technological University's (LTU) expansion procedures to be used when considering additional groups for the Greek community. LTU recognizes the expansion policy involves several parties: students, inter/national Greek organizations, Governing Council(s), Greek Life Office, Office of Student Engagement and alumni members/advisors. Expansion involves inviting inter/national fraternities and sororities to establish chapters on campus.

The addition of fraternities and sororities is part of the natural growth process of a Greek system, groups should be added when it is determined the addition can strengthen the community in order to continue a healthy, thriving Greek community. The respective Governing Councils and the Greek Life Office must be open for and agree to general chapter expansion of Greek letter organizations occurs in a manner, which includes a carefully developed plan that is aligned to provide for successful colonization and meaningful and rewarding experience for students within the Greek community.

The standards outlines below apply only to single-sex fraternities and sororities that are seeking affiliation under one of the Greek Governing Councils at LTU. Organizations must be affiliated with an inter/national organization that is a member of the following organizations, but are not limited to: National Panhellenic Conference (Sorority Council), National Pan-Hellenic Council, North American Inter-Fraternity Conference and Greek Council.

### **Procedures for Expansion**

Greek expansion at LTU for inter/national organizations can occur in two ways:

- Group of students- interested group of students currently on the LTU campus can work with the Greek Life Adviser and appropriate governing councils and present a formal petition for recognition.
- Inter/national organizations- a formal expansion plan approved by the appropriate governing councils and Greek Life Adviser.

At LTU, the expansion process for groups of students and inter/national organizations occurs in three phases, (a) establishment, (b) provisional, and (c) full membership. In addition to the outlined procedures, NPHC guidelines, IFC guidelines, SC guidelines and Greek Council guidelines.

## **Establishment Phase**

### **Group of Students**

A group of LTU students request to establish a chapter of a national Greek organization. The group of students that desires to establish itself as a fraternity or sorority must first contact LTU's Greek Life Adviser.

During this time period, no commitment to a national fraternity or sorority shall be made; rather this period is for learning the process for establishing or reactivating a fraternity or sorority.

#### **Interested Group Petition must include:**

- List of interested group members
- Aims/goals of the interested group
- How the group will work to support the LTU community
- Involvement of members in other student organizations

The interest group petition is only required if there is a student interest group on the campus.

The Governing Council, in consultation with LTU's Greek Life Adviser will review the portfolio materials and will take two actions:

- Endorse the student group to continue the process of establishing a fraternity or sorority. The Greek Life Adviser will issue a provisional Fraternal Organization Agreement for the group to act as a fraternity or sorority at the University. The student group then progresses to the provisional phase.
- Deny further establishment. The Greek Life Adviser will supply the student group with an explanation as to why this decision was reached.

### **National Organizations**

The LTU Greek Life community decides that the expansion is desired and the Greek Life Adviser invites inter/national Greek organizations to participate in the Greek expansion process. Often an Inter/National Fraternity or sorority seeking to establish a chapter at the University without the prior formation of a group of interested students, initiates contact with the Greek Life Adviser and the respective Governing Councils. In either case, the Inter/National Organization will be expected to submit a portfolio for review and consideration by the Greek Life Adviser.

#### **Materials requested from inter/national for formal expansion proposal:**

- Written support from the national office in order to establish a chapter
- Area alumni support- letter of confirmation of support for a chapter by area alumni
- Recruitment plans

- Leadership and new member educational programs
- Academic and new member educational programs
- Academic policies for undergraduate chapters
- Mission of organization
- Historical background of the organization
- Why the organization wants to be a member of the LTU community
- Proof of Insurance- no less than 1 million dollars
- Risk management and alcohol policies
- Submit a plan of action or timeline for colonization- length of time national staff will be on hand to colonize the chapter, plan for establishing a colony
- Point of contact information

**Documents can be sent to:**

*Lawrence Technological University  
Attention: Jamie Vassel, Greek Life Adviser  
21000 W. 10 Mile Road Southfield, MI 48075*

**On Campus Presentations**

Presentations are organized and schedule by the Greek Life Adviser. Invitations will go out to all fraternity and sorority chapter presidents and advisers. The Greek Life Adviser will communicate to the national organization that presents. The presentations should be no longer than 60 minutes.

**Provisional Phase**

Time Period- The interest group has no more than two (2) years to establish active chapter status from the time they receive expansion approval from the Greek Life Office. Expansion invitation shall become null and void if the organization cannot establish active chapter status during this time period. Appeals to this stipulation can be made to the Greek Life Office. They have the option of granting a one-year extension to the original invitation. Upon arrival to LTU the potential colony will enter a provisional phase that will last a minimum of one semester and will not exceed three semesters.