

FRATERNITY/SORORITY LIFE EXCELLENCE PLAN

Organization Name: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Semester: _____

As governing councils and member chapters, we affirm the importance of holding ourselves and each other accountable for providing a meaningful experience for our members, contributing to the campus and Clarksville community, and upholding the ideals and values of our national organizations. To illustrate our commitment to these goals, we will work to meet minimum standards as individual chapters in the following areas:

OPTIONAL ITEMS MAY ONLY BE COUNTED ONCE THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE SECTION HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

Section 1. SCHOLARSHIP (*\$100 prize for the chapter with the most points earned*)

Like other student organizations at Austin Peay State University, the fraternity/sorority community stresses academics first and foremost. It is both important and essential that all chapters' uphold a strong commitment to academics, given that completion of a degree should be the ultimate goal of all enrolled college students. All national fraternities and sororities support scholarship as one of their values of membership. This scholarship plan is designed to provide chapters with recommendations for adhering to minimum standards for scholarship, as well as encouraging chapters to excel in the area of scholarship for the benefit of their members. *GPA requirements refer to previous semester GPAs.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

1. Each chapter must elect/appoint a Scholarship Chair that coordinates the chapter scholarship plan and academic goals. This position must have a term of at least one semester. (10 pts)
 Yes, our scholarship chair is: _____
 No, we do not have a scholarship chair.
2. Each chapter must maintain a combined chapter (members and new members) semester GPA of at least a 2.50. (20 pts)
 Report your chapter's previous semester's GPA here: _____
3. Each active member with 12 or more earned credit hours is required to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. (15 pts)
 Yes, our chapter enforces this GPA requirement with our members.
 No, our chapter does not enforce this GPA requirement.
4. Chapter GPA should be higher than the All Men's/All Women's averages. (10 pts)
 Chapter GPA for semester: _____
5. New Member GPA should be higher than the All Men's/All Women's averages. (10 pts)
 New Member GPA for semester: _____
6. Each year, the chapter should submit a comprehensive scholarship plan to the office of Student Life and Leadership. This plan should include an organized study hours program, educational programming for new members, punishments/rewards for academic achievement and annual goals for academic improvement. Be sure to include how members who don't meet GPA requirements are handled. Please attach this plan to this application under the headline "Appendix 1". (Required for fall semester only) (10 pts)
 Scholarship plan attached

7. **OPTIONAL:** Each chapter should schedule regular, intentional interaction with members of the APSU faculty. Research shows that students with higher rates of interaction with faculty outside of the classroom perform better than inside the classroom. Thus, APSU Greek chapters should sponsor at least one program per semester (outside of day to day contact with faculty advisors) which involves members of the APSU faculty. This objective could be accomplished through an educational session, faculty recognition reception, chapter tutoring program or any other program that involves at least one member of the faculty (other than campus advisor) and a substantial portion of the chapter. (10 pts)

Yes, we hosted a faculty program this semester. An event description including the date and locations is attached and labeled "Appendix 2".

No, we did not host a faculty program this semester.

Section 2. CHAPTER MANAGEMENT (\$50 prize for the chapter with the most points earned)

Chapter management is an important tool towards success for your organization. Each chapter needs to maintain proper functions, including financial management, officer transitions, paperwork, and housing. A successful chapter must function at a minimum level in order to maintain good-standing with the college and with its inter/national organization. A strong relationship between the Office of Student Life and Leadership and a fraternity/sorority contributes to success in the area of chapter management.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

1. Each chapter President must attend two individual meetings per semester with the Director of Student Life & Leadership (generally one at the beginning and one at the end of each semester). (10 pts for each meeting, 25 pts total)

Date of 1st Mtg.: _____ Feb. 18 Dinner w/director Date of 2nd Mtg.: _____

2. Each chapter must pay semester PC/IFC/NPHC dues by deadline listed on the Greek calendar of events. (10 pts)

Yes, our chapter paid our council dues by the established deadline. Date Paid: _____

Signature of Director of SLL: _____

No, our chapter did not pay our council dues by the established deadline.

3. Each chapter must submit all paperwork to the Office of Student Life and Leadership by deadline listed on the Greek calendar. (10 pts)

Yes, our chapter met all deadlines for submitting paperwork for the semester.

Signature of Director of SLL: _____

No, our chapter did not meet all deadlines for submitting paperwork.

4. Each chapter must implement a financial management plan whereby all active members are assessed dues each semester. (10 pts)

Yes, we have a financial management plan. A copy of the plan is attached.

No, we do not have a financial management plan.

5. Each chapter must maintain the integrity of their chapter property (if applicable). Chapter property is defined as the location where recruitment or social events for the chapter occur. For sororities, this will include University-owned property. (20 points)

Signature of Director of SLL: _____

6. Each chapter President or appointed representative must attend at least 3 out of 4 Greek Roundtable meetings during the semester. The fall retreat will count for one meeting. (10 pts/ 45 pts for all four meetings)
- Meetings attended: ____ 1/23 or 1/24 ____ 2/18 ____ 3/18 ____ 4/8
- Signature of Director of SLL: _____
7. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should take advantage of leadership development opportunities made available through their national organization. Please attach national/regional leadership conferences in which the chapter participated (include dates and names of participants). Label this "Appendix 3". (15 pts)
8. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should apply for and strive to achieve national recognition through their national organizations. Please list any awards applied for/received (chapter or individual) through national organizations. Attach this list as "Appendix 4". (15 pts)
9. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should spend considerable time and resources reaching out to chapter alumni. Chapters with strong, active alumni support are more successful and such interaction provides current chapter members with professional development and career opportunities after graduation. Chapter should host at least one alumni event per semester. Please attach any chapter sponsored alumni events for the semester and label it "Appendix 5". (15 pts)
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Section 3. CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT (\$50 prize for the chapter with the most points earned)

Fraternity/sorority leaders are some of the most active members on the Austin Peay State University campus and continually strive to keep this tradition alive. Fraternity/Sorority Life encourages the development of well-rounded students, whereby each individual should be a member of more than just their fraternity/sorority. Campus involvement includes a chapter's involvement in PC/IFC/NPHC sponsored programs, campus-wide events & programs, educational programming, and individual member contributions to leadership within the campus community. Campus involvement benefits the individual member and the chapter, as members are continually recognized for their outstanding contributions to campus life.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

- Each chapter must attend at least one GPC or SLL sponsored event (50% of chapter in attendance.) each semester. Attach the attendance sheet and label is "Appendix 6". (10 pts each)
- Each chapter must participate in one annual campus-wide event such as Homecoming, Mud Bowl, Coming Home, Spring Fling, etc. per semester (10 pts each)
Our chapter participated in the following event(s): _____
Verified by the Office of Student Life and Leadership: _____
- Each chapter must sponsor a table at the organization fair OR reserve and utilize a table in the University Center or outside the University Center for one day each semester. Promotions must be done during lunch and dinner. This cannot be co-sponsored with any other organization. (10 pts each, 25 pts for both semesters)
 - Yes, our chapter participated in the organization fair this semester.
 - Yes, our chapter had an informational table on: _____
 - No, our chapter did not conduct a promotional activity this semester.
- Chapter must attend the All Greek meeting each semester (75% of chapter in attendance). (30 pts)
This will be verified by the Director of SLL.

5. Submit a list of member involvement labeled “Appendix 7”. This may include other on-campus organizations and activities or community involvement. (10 pts)
6. **OPTIONAL:** Greek chapters should take advantage of any and all leadership development opportunities made available to them through APSU. Attach list of members participating in each program and label as “Appendix 8”. (10 pts each, 25 for both)
 - Chapter represented in G.O.L.D.
 - Chapter represented in AP Leadership Series workshops.
7. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should encourage members to take leadership roles in the respective governing bodies and organizations on campus. Attach list of members who hold officer positions in campus organizations and label it “Appendix 9”. (10 pts)

Section 4. SERVICE (\$100 prize for the chapter with the most points earned)

Service is a large component of the fraternity/sorority community and continues to be a large part of chapter development. Each chapter will submit the total number of service hours performed by the chapter. Each semester, chapters make an effort to participate in campus service projects and hold chapter events of their own to promote service and the values of their organization. It is through acts of service and involvement in the community that members are able to give back to their community and foster a positive growth experience for themselves and their chapter.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

1. Chapter must elect/appoint a chapter Service chair (who coordinates the chapter's service projects and collection of members' service hours to SLL office). This position must have a term of at least one semester. (10 pts)
 - Yes, our Service chair is: _____
 - No, we do not have a Service chair.
2. Chapter must sponsor at least one chapter service “hands on” project with 50% of the chapter in attendance. Greek-wide service projects and “strictly” fundraisers (those that involve only collecting money) do not meet this criterion. (40 pts)
 - Our attendance sheet is attached and labeled “Appendix 10”.
 - We did not sponsor a chapter service “hands on” project with 50% of the chapter in attendance.
3. Chapter must participate in the semester Greek-Wide service project with 50% of chapter in attendance. (15 pts)
Signature of Director of SLL: _____
4. Attach a list of chapter’s service activities whether group or individual and label it “Appendix 11”. Include hours served. (20 pts)
5. Our organization raised \$_____ for the following philanthropy: _____.(15 pts)

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & EDUCATION (\$50 prize for the chapter with the most points earned)

Recruitment of new members is essential to all organizations on campus. The fraternity/sorority community in particular relies heavily on its new members to carry on the traditions of excellence that the founders established. It is important that all chapters continue to strive for their highest possible potential during membership intake and recruitment. As fraternity/sorority men and women, our recruitment must reflect our values, so that our new members will learn and practice those values in their daily life.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

1. Chapter participated in recruitment/intake each semester. (20 pts)
 Yes, we did take new members. A Verification of Aspirants form has been submitted.
 No, we did not take new members. An explanation of why is attached.
2. Chapter must elect/appoint a Recruitment/Intake Chair who coordinates the chapter's recruitment process. This position must have a term of at least one semester. (10 pts)
 Our Recruitment/Intake Chair is: _____
3. Chapter must elect/appoint a New Member Educator who coordinates the chapter's new member education process. This position must have a term of one year. (10 pts)
 Our New Member Educator/Intake Chair is: _____
4. Chapter must submit their new member calendar/list of events each semester to the ADSLL. (30 pts)
5. All new members of all PC/IFC/NPHC chapters attended a Greek Odyssey session. (20 pts)
Signature of the Director of SLL: _____
6. Report the retention rate of your members from the previous semester to this semester here: _____ (10 pts)
7. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should be hosting programming at the chapter level to develop leadership skills among its members. Please attach a list all chapter leadership development programs (include date and location of program) and label is "Appendix 12." (10 pts)
8. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should conduct one brotherhood/sisterhood retreat per semester. Purpose of retreat should be chapter bonding, teambuilding, goal setting, etc. Please list date, description and location of retreat. (20 pts)

Section 6. RISK MANAGEMENT (\$50 prize for the chapter with the most points earned)

Risk management is a vital component of the fraternity/sorority experience. Members of fraternities & sororities are expected to act in accordance with values-based action, maintaining the integrity of their chapter and the larger national organization. Risk management includes issues related to chapter FIPG policies, alcohol use, hazing, substance abuse, and sexual assault education. Members are expected to learn and understand policies related to risk management so that members are better able to care for their brothers/sisters, much in the way the founders cared for one another.

Minimum Expectations (Must meet all of the following criteria):

1. Chapter must adhere to the following policies: the FIPG policy, Austin Peay Risk Management policy, APSU Anti-Hazing policy, Student Life and Leadership BYOB policy, Student Life and Leadership Third Party Vendor policy, and any inter/national organization risk management policies. (40 pts)
This will be verified by the Director of SLL.
2. Chapter elects/appoints a Risk Management Chair who coordinates the chapter's education related to risk management. This position must have a term of at least one semester. (10 pts)
 Our chapter's Risk Management Chair is: _____
 We do not have a Risk Management Chair.
3. Chapter must be free of risk management/social probation from the PC/IFC Judicial Board, the University, and/or the inter/national organization. (20 pts)
This will be verified by the Office of Student Affairs.

4. Chapter must register all BYOB and 3rd Party Vendor functions with the office of Student Life and Leadership, adhering to the complete registration process. (20 pts)
This will be verified by the Director of SLL.
5. Chapter holds a risk management workshop for members (50% of chapter in attendance) during the semester. (20 pts)
 - Yes, we held a risk management workshop on: _____
The facilitator for our workshop was: _____
 - No, we did not host a risk management workshop.
6. **OPTIONAL:** Chapters should regularly sponsor alcohol-free social activities (aside from service/philanthropy projects) for members. Please attach a list all alcohol-free, organized chapter social activities (including dates) and label it "Appendix 13". (20 pts)

This report was prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Chapter President signature: _____ Date: _____

APSU (on-campus) Adviser signature: _____ Date: _____

Chapter (off-campus) Adviser signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR REPORT TO BE ACCEPTED AND COUNTED.

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