

# 14 Greek Community Values

The following criteria are offered by the National Association of Student Affairs Administrators Greek Knowledge Community as expectations for fraternity and sorority chapters.

The first step in developing a widespread initiative to refocus the culture of collegiate Greek chapters away from an "alcohol" centered focus is to agree on a set of shared values and expectations.

It is proposed that all campuses, national fraternity and sorority organizations, and their chapters support the following set of shared standards and expectations. These standards are rooted in the values of and expectations for intellectual and social development. Specifically, these values state that Greek chapters will enhance and promote members' development and learning by:

## 14.1 Positively affecting intellectual development

1. Maintain grade point averages and graduation rates that are equal to or greater than averages the all-male and all-female grade point averages and graduation rates.
2. Develop scholarship programs that challenge chapters to achieve academically, provide scholastic support, involve faculty advisors, and recognize both improvement and excellence in academic performance.

## 14.2 Instill the values of your organization and the University

1. Understand that alcohol is not the central focus of your organization.
2. Integrate the stated values of your organization and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi throughout your organizations.
3. Develop and implement a standards board, which holds members accountable to the "Greek Community Values Code" and *Greek Standards and Expectations*, the membership expectations of your organization, and the Student Code of Conduct for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.
4. Sponsor monthly personal development programs designed to help members understand, clarify and integrate their personal values into their daily lives.
5. Neither misuse, illegally use, nor support the misuse or illegal use of alcohol and illicit drugs.
6. Develop, implement and enforce policies and procedures, which govern the problem of high-risk alcohol use and its second hand effects.

## 14.3 Develop leadership skills and abilities

1. Encourage members to take a positive leadership role within their chapters, Greek community, campus, local community, public, and society.
2. Support ethical leadership development.

3. Have effective alumni, parent, community member, faculty and/or staff advisors to individual members and chapter officers.

#### **14.4 Develop positive relationships (with members and others)**

1. Not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse or haze, frighten or intimidate any human being.
2. Respect the dignity of all persons, and acknowledge this respect with positive action based upon the aspirations and ideals of each fraternity or sorority.
3. Positively contribute to the campus' multicultural climate.
4. Create programs to enhance the Greek community.
5. Exhibit care and concern for chapter members, guests, the campus and local community residents.

#### **14.5 Develop citizenship through service and outreach**

1. Establish and maintain a community service and service-learning program of hands-on assistance and support for campus and community agencies. Encourage all members to participate.
2. Adhere to University and organizational policies, as well as State and local Codes. Further, if housed, chapters will meet all local, state and federal fire and safety regulations, zoning and building codes.
3. Establish a positive campus and neighborhood presence through a public relations program.
4. Participate in a governing/coordinating council.