

**Florida Atlantic University**  
**Office of Greek Life**

Expansion, Colonization and Re-Colonization Policy

Inter/national Greek Life organizations may establish recognized chapters at the Florida Atlantic University only through formal invitation extended by the University. Invitation is contingent upon petitioners meeting the criteria outlined policies and procedures provided by the Office of Greek Life.

The Florida Atlantic University reserves the right, at any time and at its sole discretion, to alter, amend, change, modify, delete, revise, or restate the terms of this policy and may do so without providing advance notice to any then existing council or organization, any applying organization, or any other council or organizations.

The following statement establishes the guidelines and procedures for the colonization of national, social fraternities & sororities at the Florida Atlantic University.

**SECTION I**

The definition of an inter/national organization at Florida Atlantic University refers to fraternities and sororities as follows:

- a. Has an inter/national headquarters, with paid staff
- b. Has non-profit status with the IRS
- c. Has a Board of Directors and governance papers
- d. Has general insurance liability coverage of \$100,000 per occurrence with a \$200,000 general aggregate
- e. Has regional and national meetings and conventions.

**SECTION II**

1. Any inter/national Greek Life organization wishing to establish a colony at the Florida Atlantic University should file a letter of intent with Office of Greek Life. The office shall notify the respective council which would oversee the expansion, colonization, or re-colonization request of that particular national organization. The letter of intent shall be considered a request to establish a colony at FAU.
2. Any inter/national Greek life organization wishing to colonize must follow the expansion/extension, colonization, or re-colonization guidelines for the University, in conjunction with the guidelines & standards set forth by Inter/National organizations including, but not limited to:
  - a. National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)
  - b. North American Fraternity Conference (NIC)
  - c. National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
  - d. National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO)
  - e. National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC)
  - f. National Asian Pacific American Panhellenic Association (NAPA)
3. Interested Inter/National organizations shall provide the Office of Greek Life, the University, and respective council with **detailed** information on the following:
  - a. Written request and support for a chapter by the Inter/National organization
  - b. Plan for alumni/advisor support
  - c. Colony/intake recruitment plan
  - d. Colony support
  - e. Colonization timeline
  - f. Long-term chapter support

- g. Colony standards for chapter installation
  - h. Inter/national organization standards and expectations for active chapters
  - i. Membership development program, including new member development
  - j. Risk management/risk reduction/crisis management programs, policies & procedures
  - k. Leadership development opportunities offered through the Inter/National organization
  - l. Academic standards and academic support programs
  - m. Financial requirements associated with membership
  - n. Demonstrated interest/knowledge of Florida Atlantic University/FAU Greek community
  - o. Any additional information requested by the Florida Atlantic University.
4. Interested national fraternities shall provide all the information and material listed above in order to be considered. Failure to provide said information shall exclude an organization from consideration for colonization, under the Office of Greek Life.

### **SECTION III**

Any inter/national organization hoping to recolonize/reactivate a chapter previously at FAU, under the Office of Greek Life, must also follow the procedure listed in Section I and Section II of this policy.

### **SECTION IV**

1. Expansion, colonization, or re-colonization at FAU, under the Office of Greek Life, will be limited to one (1) organization, per council, each academic year.
2. The Senior Vice President of Student Affairs, or his/her designee, reserves the right to place a moratorium on expansion, colonization, or re-colonization, under the Office of Greek Life.
3. Any social fraternity or sorority, who loses their status and recognition as an organization at Florida Atlantic University, will be unable to recolonize at Florida Atlantic University, under the Office of Greek Life, until a period of 5 years has passed from the date of the organization's loss of status and recognition.
4. The final decision on all expansion, colonization, or re-colonization will be made by the Associate Vice President & Dean of Students.
  - a. Decisions may be appealed in writing, within five (5) academic days, from the date of the notification letter. Appeals must be submitted to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs for consideration.
  - b. After considering the appeal, the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs or designee shall provide written notice of his or her decision within a reasonable time frame.

### **SECTION V**

At the end of 548 days (1.5 years) from the date of University approval for colonization, a group shall lose their status and recognition as a colony at the Florida Atlantic University, under the Office of Greek Life, if they fail to:

- a. Be a fully chartered chapter by its national organization
- b. Be a chapter in good standing by its national organization
- c. Meet the requirements associated with being a registered student organization at Florida Atlantic University

### **SECTION VI**

A formally constituted colony or chapter at the Florida Atlantic University will receive the following:

- a. Rights and privileges granted to registered student organizations in accordance to University Regulation 4.006
- b. Rights and privileges of fraternities & sororities under the umbrella of the Office of Greek Life, as a department within the Division of Student Affairs.

## **SECTION VII**

1. The Office of Greek Life Expansion, Colonization, Re-Colonization procedures serve as a supplement to this policy.
2. This policy shall be subject to, and incorporated by reference into, University Regulations 4.007 (Student Code of Conduct) and 4.006 (Student Government and Student Organization) and Office of Greek Life policies. All other University policies, regulations, and procedures continue to apply.