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Policy for Recognition and Chartering of Greek Social Organizations

I. Statement of Purpose

Student organizations at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) exist to support the overall objectives of the College. As an integral part of the College community, student organizations are obligated to contribute to the academic attainment and general development of the individual student. Skills and experiences obtained through membership in student organizations serve as a valuable supplement to the formal curricula.

ABAC recognizes the value of social Greek organizations as a co-curricular experience which provides students with unique leadership and social opportunities. For that reason, the College will receive proposals for the establishment of chapters of Greek social organizations on campus. Only proposals which meet the minimum requirements set forth in this document will be considered.

II. Process

The Policy Manual of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia states, "Each USG institution shall be authorized to decide for itself whether social fraternities and/or sororities shall be established and whether they shall be local only or affiliated with national groups. Each institution also shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the establishment, organization, governance, and discipline of social fraternities and sororities" (4.1.4).

In keeping with this policy, ABAC will consider proposals for the establishment of social fraternities and sororities for a period of 60 days, beginning February 1, 2010, and ending April 2, 2010. Students who wish to submit a proposal must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Individuals interested in starting a Greek social organization must submit a formal letter of interest to the Dean of Students. The letter must include complete names and contact information of interested members.
2. The group must secure an advisor who is a faculty or staff member at ABAC. This advisor must then notify the Dean of Students of acceptance of this responsibility. The group is encouraged to secure an alumni advisor in addition to the faculty or staff advisor.

3. The group must submit an application for recognition as a student organization; the application form is available in the Office of Student Life and Housing.
4. Once a student interest group has been approved, the Dean of Students will guide the group in contacting the national organization to determine that group's interest in expansion on the ABAC campus. Only groups affiliated with a national organization will be considered for recognition.
5. The group shall make no formal agreement with a national/international organization without prior approval of the Dean of Students.
6. Once the interest group has been approved, it is eligible to have interest meetings throughout the semester (not to exceed four semesters) in accordance with ABAC policy for student organizations and policies of affiliated national/international councils. No other events, on or off campus, may be held by the interest group (fundraisers, social events, meetings, etc.).
7. Once ten or more students are interested, the students and the nationally affiliating organization must present a formal letter of intent to establish. The charter group must have a minimum of ten members who meet the prescribed eligibility requirements for social Greek letter organization membership (be enrolled as regular students of the College, have completed or be exempt from all Learning Support requirements, hold Regents' cumulative grade point averages of at least 2.25, be in good academic and social standing with the College, and meet all membership eligibility requirements with the national or international organization).
8. Once approved and verified by the Dean of Students, the national organization must provide a packet containing the following:
 - a. An outline of the organizational history and current administrative structure for the organization;
 - b. National policies and programs related to academic success and scholarship;
 - c. Requirements and expectations for membership;
 - d. Member and new member guidelines/programs;
 - e. Anti-hazing policies;
 - f. Risk management policies;
 - g. Provision of national, regional, and local alumni support for the provisional group;
 - h. Information related to the colonization and chartering process.
9. The ABAC Greek Life Task Force will select the organization(s) which will be invited for an on-campus presentation. The Dean of Students, the Task Force, and the interested organization will determine the nature of the presentation.
10. Following the presentation, the Task Force will make a recommendation to the Dean of Students as to how many and which organization(s) will be invited to establish.
11. Final approval for invitation to establish will rest with the President and his Cabinet.