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Expansion Council Memo 2019 – 2020

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) hosts a community of Greek-letter organizations that represent various backgrounds, principles and values. Greek Life has the ability to provide significant positive undergraduate experiences and the development and enhancement of student learning through leadership development, organizational management, interpersonal and group dynamics, social development, philanthropic spirit, career development, and academic achievement.

As Greek Life continues to exist and expand throughout the nation, all UC campuses as well as several major Universities have a standard practice regarding expansion. All Greek Life expansion processes allow students and Greek Life staff to manage the growth of Greek-letter organizations to ensure a healthy, safe, and productive Greek Life community. The Expansion Council consists of eight members: the Inter-Greek Council President, College Panhellenic Council President, four active student members who each represent a cultural, local, Divine Nine, and pre-professional Greek-letter organization, one SOAR advisor, and the Associate Director of SOMeCA.

After careful assessment and discussions on the state of Greek Life nationally, UC-wide, and at UCSC, the Expansion Council has voted that expansion will be closed for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The Expansion Council will review expansion for the subsequent academic year during late Winter 2020 to early Spring 2020.

As always, it is the goal of the Expansion Council to expand Greek Life at UCSC to one that is healthy, safe and thriving. It is our charge and responsibility to ensure that the resources are in place to support all Greek-letter organizations and councils in their required operations, such as managing risk and upholding federal laws including the Clery Act, VAWA and Title IX.

We thank you in advance for helping us encourage our UCSC students to respect the decisions of University Greek-Letter Organization leadership. Additionally, non-recognized groups have no relationship with the University and are not in compliance with University policies and procedures. Students are encouraged to not join or participate in these non-recognized groups. For a list of currently recognized Greek-letter organizations, please view: http://soar.ucsc.edu/v2/studentorgs/rso-glo/glolist.html

If you have any questions, please email Expansion Council at expansioncouncil@ucsc.edu.

Recognition guidelines have been developed at UCSC for Greek-letter organizations due to their complex and unique nature. Please view our Expansion Policy at: http://soar.ucsc.edu/v2/images/stories/icons/2019/expansion%20policy%202019.pdf

Sincerely,

Expansion Council