Expansion Policy For Greek-Letter Organizations
At the University of California, Santa Cruz

In response to a rapidly growing interest in Greek-letter organizations at UCSC, The Office of Student Organization and Advising Resources (SOAR) invited all Greek-letter organization student leaders to participate in establishing a Council that is responsible for assessing the capacity of Greek-Letter life on campus, as well as instituting a process of University recognition for interested groups.

Expansion will be coordinated by the Expansion Council, which consists of seven (7) members: Inter-Greek Council President, PanHellenic Council President, Three (3) active student members of the Greek-Letter Community, SOAR advisor, and the Assistant Director of SOAR. A majority vote is required in order to approve expansion for any organization, with a minimum quorum of 5 total votes required.

When it is determined that a new organization is needed to strength the Greek-Letter Organization community within the Councils and it is determined that sufficient resources exist to expand, the procedures outlined below will follow. The purpose of these procedures is to ensure expansion of the Greek-Letter Organization’s occurs in a manner indicating a carefully developed plan in accordance with the goal of expanding. All action in the area of colonization must be approved and sanctioned by this committee.

Expansion Procedure

1. The Expansion Council determines the need for the growth or “expansion” of Greek-Letter organizations at UCSC, and the process by which new organizations will be selected.
2. Applications will be made available for a specified time period through the SOAR office. The Expansion Council will send out letters of inquiry to those organizations that have expressed prior interest in establishing a chapter at UCSC.
3. Interested groups must submit the application and all additional required documents to the SOAR office by the deadline set by the Council.
4. The Expansion Council will review all applications, and notify the organizations that they wish to conduct interviews with. For (Inter) national organizations, an interview with a representative from the National headquarters will be conducted.
5. After reviewing all information, the Council will issue formal invitations to the interested organization it has deemed acceptable to begin the probationary period and register with the SOAR office, the University of California, Santa Cruz office of records for all Greek-Letter organizations.

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Suggested Expansion Time Frame:

- **Prior Academic Year:** The Expansion Council will assess and determine whether Greek-Letter Organization expansion is recommended. If Expansion is approved, the Student Organization Advising & Resource Office (SOAR) will begin taking interest packets from interested groups.
- **Month 1:** All Interest Group Application must be submitted and completed, outlined by the Expansion Application.
  - To download the application, please visit soar.ucsc.edu
- **Month 2:** The Expansion Council will meet to review all submitted applications. At this time, the Expansion Council will inform those the council wishes to interview to set up an established time. Please note that receiving an interview is intended to follow-up to your application, and is by no means a guarantee of acceptance.
- **Month 3:** Interviews with student representatives from selected interest groups will be conducted. Additionally, interviews with National Representatives and/or advisors from selected interest groups will also be conducted.
- **Month 4:** The Expansion Council will have a meeting to decide if an interest group(s) will join the Greek-Letter Organization community. At this time, the final decision will be informed to those selected groups as well as the Greek-Letter Organization community.

Chartering Procedure

1. Should your organization be selected for expansion, there is a one-year probationary process in order to be fully established as an active chapter.
2. Throughout the first year your chapter will register as a Path 1 organization, and subject to all rules, requirements, and benefits associated with that status:
   - Path 1 organizations have the following benefits:
     - Unlimited small-scale events & meetings
     - Drop-in peer advising Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm.
     - SOAR organization & event sponsorship.
     - Free event insurance (on campus only).
     - Access to university facilities.
   - Path 1 organizations have the following requirements:
     - Have 4 enrolled student signers & complete all registration forms.
     - Have an approved constitution on file with SOAR.
     - Honor SOAR & University deadlines.
     - Complete event proposal forms for all events & meetings.
3. Must actively participate in an applicable Greek Council, and abide by all its regulations and the principles, and make use of, as well as promote to the fullest extent, such recommendations, resolutions, statements, and doctrines as may be adopted or advocated.
4. Meet with an assigned SOAR advisor at least twice per quarter, and at least once per quarter with both your organizations governing council and the Expansion Council.
5. May not recruit new members during your first quarter as a campus organization. This includes all tabling activities. However, your organization may distribute flyers advertising your meetings & events.

6. Must be on track to obtain Path 2 status by the fourth quarter as a campus organization.

7. Fulfill all other Greek Letter organization requirements outlined by the University and/or your respective Governing Council

Any organization that does not uphold these requirements is subject to sanctions from their governing council, the Expansion Council, and the University, including suspension and/or termination of your organization.

Chapter Recognition

1. Membership in one of the Governing Greek Councils (Inter-Greek Council or PanHellenic Council) is required of any Greek-Letter Organization to be considered part of the Greek-letter Community at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

2. A final vote will be taken by the Expansion Council to fully recognize a chapter at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Feel free to contact the Expansion Council with any questions via email at expansioncouncil@gmail.com.