Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Academic Policy

Council Leadership Positions
All students wanting to hold a leadership position within one of the three governing councils must meet the following academic requirements:

- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average prior to applying for a council leadership position.
- Must maintain a 2.5 cumulative and semester grade point average during the term of office.
- Be in good academic standing with the University at the time of selection and during the term of office.

Student Leaders
In order to maintain an “active” status, every registered student organization is required to have four student officers leading their organization at all times.

Each of those four student leaders is required to hold and maintain at minimum a 2.5 cumulative grade point average as calculated by the university. All members of the student organization should remain in good academic standing with the university.

Chapter Academic Probation
Fraternities and sororities who fail to have a 2.70 chapter grade point average and/or a 2.50 new member grade point average (GPA) each academic semester will be placed on academic probation with the sanctions and restrictions outlined below. Failure to comply will result in further reduction of participation in activities or possible loss of recognition of the chapter as a member of the Georgia Southern University Fraternity and Sorority community.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) will issue a grade report each semester that will display individual grade point averages (GPA) for established members and new members as well as the total GPA for established and new members and the chapter's total GPA for all members, which will be provided to the chapter president, chapter advisor, faculty/staff advisor, national organization, Executive Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President and Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The chapters total GPA, which must remain above a 2.70 to be in good standing, for each academic semester will be calculated by adding active member's earned quality points and dividing it by the number of the group’s added GPA hours, as determined by the university. The same calculation will be used when determining the established member GPA and new member GPA (which must remain above a 2.5). Grade reports will be based off the December and May roster updates. Once the roster update is completed, no changes will be made.
First Academic Semester Probation

1. Notification of chapter probationary status sent to chapter president, chapter advisor, faculty/staff advisor, national organization.

2. Host two (2) academic programs during the semester for the chapter using University academic resources and mandate members below required chapter average to attend.
   a. First academic program will occur before scheduled midterms.
   b. Second academic program will occur before finals.
   c. Academic programs will be facilitated by an academic department or professional with experience in sharing tips and resources to improve academic performance. Facilitators include but are not limited to Academic Success Center, Counseling Center, Career Services, Academic Advisors, etc.
   d. Academic programs will not be held at the chapter house. FSL will assist in reserving space on campus if needed.
   e. Proof of attendance must be submitted to FSL no later than 24 hours after the program.
   f. After attending workshop, complete a follow up survey on how you plan to implement the information learned.

3. Prepare a scholarship plan, which must be submitted by the end of the first two weeks of the new academic semester to FSL. The scholarship plan must be reviewed and signed by the chapter president and chapter advisor before being turned into FSL.

4. Chapter President and Academic/Scholarship Chair must arrange a meeting with a staff member in FSL to review scholarship plan (no later than the end of the fourth week of the academic semester).

5. Limit chapter to four (4) social events for the semester.
   a. No overnight trips, semi-formals or “formals” may be held.
   b. No weekday social events (Monday – Thursday).

6. Chapter President must have monthly Chapter Liaison meetings with Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.

7. The Chapter President may make a written appeal to the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life for any exceptions to this probation within two weeks after the initial notification of status has been communicated.

If the chapter achieves a 2.70 semester grade point average and, if applicable, has a new member semester GPA of at least a 2.5 at the end of the semester, the chapter will move back to Good Academic Standing within the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Second Academic Semester probation.
Second Academic Semester Probation

1. Notification of chapter probationary status sent to chapter president, chapter advisor, faculty/staff advisor, national organization.
2. Host two (2) academic programs during the semester for the chapter using University academic resources and mandate members below required chapter average to attend.
   a. First academic program will occur before scheduled midterms.
   b. Second academic program will occur before finals.
   c. Academic programs will be facilitated by an academic department or professional with experience in sharing tips and resources to improve academic performance. Facilitators include but are not limited to Academic Success Center, Counseling Center, Career Services, Academic Advisors, etc.
   d. Academic programs will not be held at the chapter house. FSL will assist in reserving space on campus if needed.
   e. Proof of attendance must be submitted to FSL no later than 24 hours after the program.
   f. After attending workshop, complete a follow up survey on how you plan to implement the information learned.
   g. Chapter President and Academic/Scholarship Chair must arrange a meeting with a staff member in FSL to review scholarship plan (no later than the end of the fourth week of the academic semester).
3. Suspension of ALL chapter social privileges (events and/or parties with alcohol, Greek Week, Yard Shows, etc.)
4. Chapter President must meet with assigned FSL staff every two weeks (twice a month).
5. Chapter will not be eligible for FSL awards or recognition.
6. May not participate in intramural sports as a chapter.
7. The Chapter President may make a written appeal within one week after the original decision has been communicated to the chapter for any exceptions to this probation to the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

If the chapter achieves a 2.70 semester grade point average and, if applicable, has a new member semester GPA of at least a 2.5 at the end of the semester, the chapter will move back up to First Academic Semester Probation the following semester.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Third Academic Semester probation.
Third Academic Semester Probation
Third Academic Semester Probation includes all Second Academic Semester Probation requirements in addition to the following:

1. Suspension of all formal recruitment and/or intake privileges.
2. Chapter must follow an academic plan provided by FSL.
3. The Chapter President may make a written appeal within one week after the original decision has been communicated to the chapter for any exception to this probation to the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

If the chapter achieves a 2.70 semester grade point average and, if applicable, has a new member semester GPA of at least a 2.5 at the end of the semester, the chapter will move back up to Second Academic Semester Probation.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Fourth Academic Semester Probation.
Fourth Academic Semester Probation

1. Revocation of Georgia Southern University recognition of the chapter for two (2) full academic years which includes the chapter losing the ability to utilize University facilities and participate in University events for two (2) full academic years.

2. Meeting with the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the chapter advisor and Executive Director of Student Activities to discuss revocation of the chapter on campus.

Regaining Recognition after Loss of Recognition for Academic Reasons

In the event a chapter loses University recognition due to failure to meet the requirements of this policy, the chapter may petition the Office for Fraternity & Sorority Life for reinstatement under the following guidelines:

- Reinstatement will not be granted prior to the full academic year term.
- The chapter must present an in-depth plan for chapter development that clearly addresses the academic failings heretofore.
- The petition must include explicit support from the inter/national organization.
- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will continue to monitor academic performance of a suspended chapter for one calendar year if so requested by the chapter for use in its development of a petition and development plan.
- A chapter petitioning for reinstatement must meet all other requirements of the University in order for its petition to be considered.
- A reinstated chapter returns to the community on Second Academic Term Probation.
- In the event that a reinstated chapter is suspended from campus within one year of reinstatement, no further petition for reinstatement will be considered from the chapter for five years or until all members of the chapter graduate or are no longer affiliated with Georgia Southern University.
- In the event that an unrecognized chapter graduates all of its members, the new members that join afterwards will not be held to the probation that the previous members were on.
Appeals Process

The purpose of an appeal process is to review the chapter’s probation in order to determine if there has been any error. Chapter presidents have the right to appeal decisions made by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life provided relevant grounds for an appeal are cited.

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All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life within two weeks after the original decision has been communicated to the chapter president. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life will submit the appeal to the appropriate office and then communicate to the chapter by electronic mail the decision regarding the appeal, including the process for further appeals.
**Individual Plan for Academic Success**

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life will identify chapter members whose total institution grade point average falls below 2.0 at the end of a semester. The office will provide the following information to chapter presidents at the start of each academic semester:

- Academic Advising Information
  - Advisement Centers Contact Information
- Academic Success Center Resources
  - Academic Success Workshop Series
  - Campus Wide Tutoring Schedule
- Chapter grade report

In addition to providing the above-mentioned information to the chapter president, the individual member will be required to complete and submit an Individual Plan for Academic Success (IPAS) and schedule bi-weekly one on one consultation with assigned FSL staff member for the duration of the semester.