The University of Texas at Dallas
Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion Policy

Fraternity and Sorority Life Mission:

The University of Texas at Dallas supports a vibrant Fraternity and Sorority community on campus. Fraternity and Sorority Life provide students with a quality fraternal experience, which includes scholarship, service, and social awareness. Fraternity and Sorority Life takes into consideration the UT Dallas student population and resources when considering expansion. At this time, UT Dallas does not recognize local chapters on campus.

A. Expansion Committee:

1) Purpose:

The Expansion Committee's purpose is:

- To consider the opportunity for fraternity and/or sorority growth at UT Dallas;
- To make recommendations to the Dean of Students as to which organization(s) will most benefit the fraternity and sorority community; and,
- To provide justifications for expansion based on various factors.

2) Membership:

- President or representative from each Fraternity/Sorority council (CPC, IFC, NPHC, UGC)
- Assistant Directors of Fraternity and Sorority Life (ex-officio)
- Student Organization Center staff member
- Two UT Dallas staff members appointed by the Assistant Dean of Students
- The Student Government President (or designee)
- Assistant Dean of Students (ex-officio)
- Dean of Students (ex-officio)

3) Duties:

The Expansion Committee meets to discuss whether UT Dallas and the Fraternity and Sorority community can support expansion efforts. The Expansion Committee will make a recommendation to the Dean of Students regarding expansion. The Expansion Committee utilizes multiple factors in making this determination, including but not limited to: success of the past expansion efforts, recruitment/intake statistics, human, financial, and facility resources.

The expansion plan is given to the Dean of Students who will make the final decision about whether expansion will occur. In the event that expansion will be pursued, the Expansion Committee will follow the procedure below to determine the specific organization(s) invited to campus.
4) Quorum:
   a. Voting may only occur when there is quorum, which is established as 50% plus one
   b. The decision to expand requires a 2/3 vote of the committee members present

5) Meetings:
   The Expansion Committee meets at least once a month during the academic year. Additional meetings may be convened as necessary

2) Expansion Process:

Fraternity/Sorority expansion for Inter/national fraternities or sororities can occur in three ways:

1. Through the Greek community (CPC, IFC, NPHC, or UGC) decides that expansion is desired and the University determines expansion is desired
2. A group of UT Dallas students request to establish a chapter (new or previously recognized)
3. Through an inter/national fraternity or sorority desiring to expand

1) If a group of UT Dallas students request to establish a chapter (new or previously recognized) they must follow the process listed below:
   a. Criteria:
      To provide the highest quality fraternal experience to students at UT Dallas, any fraternal organization seeking to expand must meet the following criteria:
      - The organization is insured with liability coverage for all members.
      - The organization contains an anti-hazing policy in their constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.
      - The organization is a recognized member of an umbrella organization (ex. NALFO, NAPA, NIC, NMGC, NPC, etc.)
      - The organization has a national academic requirement for members of 2.5 cumulative grade point average to be initiated

      If current student(s) are interested in forming a new organization, they must schedule a meeting with Fraternity and Sorority Life to review expansion procedures. There is no allowance for interest meetings before written approval from Fraternity and Sorority Life.

   b. Letter of Interest:
      If the desire to expand is from UT Dallas students, a letter of interest must be submitted to Fraternity and Sorority Life. The letter, minimally, should include the following:
- The organization’s website,
- Names of all interested students
  - All interested students must have a minimum individual GPA of a 2.5 and above
  - All interested students must meet the organization standards for membership
  - All interested students plan to return to UT Dallas the following year
- Names of all local alumni or
- Inter/National headquarters staff contact information
- In addition, a letter or email showing the support of the inter/national organization must be attached.

After receiving the letter of interest, the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life will collect verify that the inter/national organization and the interested students meets the expansion criteria. The Director will schedule a presentation and will invite members of the fraternal and university community, such as: The Expansion Committee, interested staff and faculty, and chapter members and advisors of the appropriate council. Other members of the FSL community can be invited if necessary.

c. Expansion Packet:

At least two weeks before the scheduled presentation the inter/national organization will submit a packet providing the following information:

- National Constitution and Bylaws
- New Member Education Program
- Risk Management Policy
- List of all current colonies (status of each, expected chartering timeline for each, resources devoted to each)
- List of active collegiate chapters within a three hour distance of The University
- Colony or newly chartered chapter timeline
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- Proof of Alumni support
- Number of active alumni in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolis
- Statement of national support of a newly chartered chapter
- Statement of financial commitment to the organization
- Cost expectations for members
• History and purpose of the organization
• Identify why you are interested in expanding at the University
• Relations that can be built within the governing council, The University, and surrounding communities

d. Presentation:

The Presentation should include the following information:
• Colony or newly chartered timeline
• Proof of Alumni support
• Number of active alumni in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolis
• Statement of national support of a newly chartered chapter
• Statement of financial commitment to the organization
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• History and purpose of the Organization
• Purpose for expanding to The University
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2) If an inter/national fraternity or sorority desiring to expand they must follow the process listed below:

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• The organization has a national academic requirement for members of 2.5 cumulative grade point average to be initiated

Any fraternal organization desiring to expand, must first contact Fraternity and Sorority Life to review Expansion Procedures.

b. Letter of Interest:

After the initial contact with Fraternity and Sorority Life, the fraternal organization should write a letter of interest that highlights the following:
• The name of the organization that wishes to expand;
• A detailed description of how the organization will benefit UT Dallas; and,
• A detailed description of how the organization will benefit the fraternity and sorority community.

After receiving the letter of interest, the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life will collect verify that the inter/national organization meets the expansion criteria. The Director will schedule a presentation and will invite members of the fraternal and university community, such as: The Expansion Committee, interested staff and faculty, and chapter members and advisors of the appropriate council. Other members of the FSL community can be invited if necessary.

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3) Decision Process:

After the presentation, the appropriate council will vote to recommend or not recommend the expansion of the organization/interest group to the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. This recommendation will be submitted to the Expansion Committee as a recommendation from the governing council.

The Expansion committee will review the expansion packet, recommendations, and the presentation and vote to recommend extending an invitation to colonize. When multiple organizations under one council submit materials to seek expansion, the Expansion Committee will create a list of the order in which to invite to colonize or charter and will provide an estimated timeline.

The final decision on whether or not to expand and/or the order in which organizations will be invited to colonize will be made by the Dean of Students as by the Expansion Committee.

Once a decision has been made, a letter will be issued from Fraternity and Sorority Life. Organizations invited to colonize will be allowed to begin recruiting on campus. The organization will be required to register as a student organization prior to implementing recruitment activities. Fraternity and Sorority Life will assist with the process.

The organization will be required to pay dues to the appropriate governing council. The councils will follow their constitution and bylaw procedures, thereafter, to determine voting rights and privileges.

Any other governing board requirements must be met by the fraternal organization as stated in their policies.

Special Notes

The College Panhellenic Council shall use the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Extension procedures, outlined in the NPC Manual of Information, as a guide in facilitating the expansion process. Fraternity and Sorority Life will provide this information if needed.
The Office Fraternity and Sorority Life reserve the right to modify or change this policy as necessary.

The University does not recognize interest groups not affiliated with a national or international fraternity or sorority. Exceptions to this policy are not made.

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