Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs
Pledge/Associate Member Notification Policy

Date: Effective January 2002

Purpose: In an effort to maintain accurate records of the Greek organizations at the University of Maine we, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, must be notified when a student becomes a pledge/associate member of a fraternity or a sorority. Having accurate records will allow the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs to track retention rates, communicate directly with the pledges/associate members regarding programming and policies specific to new member education.

Policy Guidelines:

1. To be eligible to become a pledge or an associate member of a Greek Organization a student must be a student enrolled at the University of Maine. Students enrolled at the Bangor campus or any other college/university are not eligible.
2. All pledges or associate members, within 72 hours of pledging or associating with a Greek organization, must physically stop by Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs (Located on the 1st floor of the Memorial Union) to complete a new member form.
3. All pledges or associate members will be given a copy of the University of Maine Hazing Policy and be required to sign a waiver stating they have been made aware of the policy.
4. All pledges or associate members will be given a copy of the new member bill of rights as outlined by the NIC (North American Interfraternity Conference) and the NPC (National Panhellenic Conference).
5. All pledges or associate members will be given information describing who to contact if they feel the University of Maine Hazing Policy has been violated.
6. All pledges or associate members will also be required to submit a de-pledging/de-association form if they choose to drop from the pledge/new member program and do not wish to be initiated. These forms will also be handed out along with a copy of the hazing policy. This form must be submitted to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs within 1 week of de-pledging/de-association from the Greek organization.
7. All policies and guidelines established by the University of Maine Interfraternity Council and the University of Maine Panhellenic Council pertaining to pledges/new members are still in effect.

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