

Bloomington Faculty Council
Fraternity and Sorority Community Report
Kelley School of Business – CG 1034
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Overall Size and Scope:

- Fraternity and sorority life has existed at Indiana University for **169** years
- Total fraternity/sorority membership has grown to **7,200 members in 73 chapters** (*In 2004, membership was 4,440 in 59 chapters*)
- The 73 organizations are grouped under 4 governing councils: 33 Interfraternity Council, 9 National Pan-Hellenic Council (Black fraternities and sororities), 9 Multicultural Greek Council, and 22 PanHellenic Association
- 40 fraternities and sororities maintain housing, accommodating 3,415 students

<i>BFC Information Requested:</i>
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Student Education and Development (How chapters help students succeed academically and receive a well-rounded education)

- Fraternity/sorority cumulative GPAs are consistently higher than non-Greek students, *See Bloomington Assessment and Research report*

National Survey on Student Engagement 2012 report (not significantly different than 2008 unless noted):

- 94% of Greeks participated or planned to participate in **community service** as compared to 85% of their non-Greek peers
- 43% of Greeks participated or planned to participate in **a learning community** as compared to 36% of their non-Greek peers
- 37% of Greeks participated or planned to participate in **research with faculty** as compared to 36% of their non-Greek peers
- 56% of Greeks participated or planned to participate in **study abroad** as compared to 45% of their non-Greek peers
- Both 90% of Greek and non-Greek respondents reported having serious conversations with **students of a difference race or ethnicity other than their own**
- 93% (was 86% in 2008) of Greeks had serious conversations with students who are **very different from them in their religious, political and personal views** as compared to 92% of their non-Greek peers
- 96% of Greeks evaluated their **educational experience as good or excellent** as compared to 91% of their non-Greek peers
- 96% of 2012 Greek member respondents stated **if they could start over again, they would return to IU** as compared to 89% of their non-Greek peers

The Center for the Study of the College Fraternity's **Fraternity and Sorority Experience Survey** report from 2010, compared to 2006, showed significant growth in the following areas:

- Fraternity/sorority alignment with college and university desired learning outcomes
- Positive academic experiences
- Personal growth and development
- Tactics to counter excessive alcohol use
- Decreased role of alcohol to the fraternity and sorority experience

Combating Underage and Binge Drinking

- Councils develop policies, programs, and host speakers each semester to educate members
- 66% of chapters report having a program addressing alcohol use and abuse each semester
- Chapters are increasing programs for risk management, mitigation, and for holding individuals accountable
- Student Organization Ethics Board: 6 groups currently on disciplinary probation and one group removed, see, <http://studentaffairs.indiana.edu/doc/sll/ethics-iu-organizations-on-disciplinary-probation.pdf>

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Sexual Assault (Harassment, Dating Violence, Consent, and Sexual Assault)

- Sexual Violence Summit was hosted in September for all chapter presidents and advisors
- All four councils have programs in place to address sexual violence prevention
- 71% of chapters report having a program on sexual assault, 70% on sexual harassment program, 52% on consent training, and 45% on dating violence each semester
- Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS) 50 men from an estimated 20 chapters
- Safe Sisters Program 150 women from 22 chapters

Promoting Diversity

- Councils meet together once a semester and promote cross-council programs
- Racial/Ethnic Diversity, *See Bloomington Assessment and Research report*
- International Status: 35% of chapter report members international students*
- Socioeconomic Status: 87% chapters report members on financial aid*
- LGBT Status: 40% of chapters have member(s) who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender*

* *Specific number of members were not reported/collected*

<i>Secondary BFC information Requested</i>

Chapter Advising (faculty and staff), Alumni Boards, and House Corporation Involvement

- Of the 493 chapter advisors 89% are alumni/community members, 9% are staff, and 2% are faculty
- Of the 40 Greek houses 21 have live-in advisors, 14 have professional and 5 have paraprofessional advisors who do not live-in

Controlling Costs

- Average chapter room and board is same as IU residence halls, however, this does not include chapter dues which vary by chapters.

Division of Student Affairs, Human and Programmatic Resources

- 2.5 full-time staff and 2 graduate students meet with chapter presidents twice a semester, council leaders weekly, and host 2 leader retreats. The councils pay for all educational programs and some staffing
- The ratio of staff advisors to the number of members is one of the lowest in the Big Ten
- The staff complete an annual chapter assessment with two independent reviewers composed of faculty, staff, and alumni for each organization
 - **Values Integration:** Chapter teaches and upholds the values of their organization, Fraternity and Sorority community, and Indiana University's Culture of Care
 - **Intellectual Development and Academic Support:** Chapter maintains a scholarship program for its members that will enhance their academic success and contribute to the academic mission of the university
 - **Brotherhood and Sisterhood:** Chapter respects the dignity of people while embracing the free exchange of ideas and beliefs. Chapter educates and promotes healthy lifestyles
 - **Leadership Development:** Chapter encourages leadership development and promotes leadership opportunities for its members
 - **Civic Engagement:** Chapters engage in meaningful, comprehensive civic engagement and community partnerships

Alumni and Donor Engagement

- IUF reports that 19% of their database is coded as Greek members, however, the 19% give 60% of all gifts