

CHAPTER VIABILITY

Philosophy

Stockton University values a strong fraternity and sorority community as a valuable piece of student life. The University also recognized that the community must have sufficient numbers so as to provide membership opportunities for every student who has the desire and means to join.

Recognition by Stockton University is a privilege. Recognized chapters must be able to show substantial evidence of the organization's ability to contribute to the fraternity and sorority community. Chapters are expected to meet expectations with respect to academic success, community service, campus involvement, and support of community-wide and council programs.

Stockton University has established a minimum membership number as a way to insure healthy group and community dynamics. Similar standards exist for recognized student organizations and athletic clubs. To ensure that recognized fraternities and sororities possess the ability to meet performance expectations and for the continued health of the fraternity and sorority community, this membership standard and procedures have been established.

Standard

All recognized fraternities and sororities are required to list as least (1) one full-time, active, academically-eligible (maintains a 2.5 GPA) undergraduate member (initiate or new member) on the roster at all times.

Process

1. Rosters will be reviewed in September and January to determine Viability Policy compliance.
2. Each semester, Viability Policy reminder letters will be sent to all chapters that list 5 or fewer students on their membership roster.
3. Chapters that fall below one (1) full-time, active, undergraduate member will receive a letter from the Office of Student Development seeking the national organization's plan to revitalize the chapter.
 - a. If a plan is received by the Office of Student Development, the organization has one year from the time of notification to initiate current eligible Stockton students to maintain recognition.
 - i. If after a year, the organization is unsuccessful in initiating membership, there will be a loss of recognition.
 - b. If a plan is not received by the deadline or the national organization wishes not to revitalize the chapter, there will be a loss of recognition.

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