



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE VIABILITY POLICY

Philosophy

Virginia Commonwealth University values a strong fraternity and sorority community. The University also recognizes that the community must have sufficient numbers so as to provide membership opportunities for every student who has the desire and means to join.

Student Organization Registration at Virginia Commonwealth University is a privilege. Chapters are expected to meet expectations with respect to academic performance, membership development and education, risk management and legal liability, leadership and community engagement, community service and philanthropy, membership recruitment/intake and chapter management.

Additionally, the policy for Registered Organization of Student Organizations at Virginia Commonwealth University states that the majority of the membership of the organization will be currently enrolled students at VCU.

A minimum of five (5) currently enrolled VCU students are required to form and maintain a fraternal organization. This is to insure that registered fraternities and sororities possess the ability to meet performance expectations and for the continued health of the community.

Standard

All registered fraternities and sororities are required to list at least five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members (initiates and new members) on the roster at all times.

Process

1. Membership Acceptance

- All Grade Release Forms must be submitted 24 hours after signatures are collected.
- All Hazing Forms (blue cards) must be submitted 48 hours after membership is accepted.

2. Rosters will be reviewed in January, May, and August to determine membership compliance.

3. Chapters that are projected to fall below five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members (initiates/new members) for the upcoming semester must meet with their FSL advisor **no later than two months into the semester** to determine an action plan and submit an appeal.

Request for Membership Probationary Period

1. Chapters who project that they will fall below five (5) active members may work with their FSL advisor to outline an action plan, to be approved for the following semester.

2. Without an approved plan, if the chapter falls below the minimum five (5) members, then it will automatically lose university registration.

3. In creating a plan, possible courses of action include, but are not limited to:

- Limited programming
- Increased advisor involvement
- Recruitment and intake plan

Loss of Recognition

1. Chapters that fall below the five (5) member requirement will lose University Registration for three (3) semesters.

2. Chapters who would like to return after three (3) semesters, must reapply through the **Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion Process**.

Moratoriums

In the event of a(n) (inter)national moratorium not at the fault of the local chapter, Fraternity and Sorority Life will meet with students and advisors to determine next steps.