



Fraternity & Sorority Affairs

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Chapter Semester Report Fall 2020 Summary

Background & Summary Stats:

The Chapter Semester Report is sent out to all organizations in Black Greek Council, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and United Greek Council at the end of every semester with the purpose of collecting data about the chapters and collectively, the councils.

- 65 chapters responded to the chapter semester report survey for Fall 2020
 - 3 Black Greek Council chapters
 - 22 Interfraternity Council chapters
 - 20 Panhellenic Council chapters
 - 20 United Greek Council chapters
 - 4,861 members total in reporting chapters

Covid-19 Impact:

Covid-19 has had an immense impact on the Greek community. Despite the struggles that Covid-19 has caused, the councils have prevailed and accommodated for their members.

- Difficulties faced:
 - Most chapters had to move all events to online platforms, causing difficulty in fundraising and maintaining chapter involvement.
 - Other hurdles caused by Covid-19: financial difficulties, difficulty filling chapter house to capacity, and member resignation.
- Accommodations made by chapters for their members:
 - Many chapters accommodated their members by reducing or refunding dues and allowing members to partake in inactive membership statuses.
 - Other accommodations: providing PPEs for members, requiring negative Covid-19 tests; holding meetings on Zoom, Google Hangouts, and other online platforms, and overall flexibility with deadlines and attendance.

Philanthropy:

Philanthropy is a foundational pillar of fraternities and sororities

- 148 philanthropic events were hosted in Fall 2020
- Overall Greek philanthropic contribution in Fall 2020: \$118,238.11
- Council highlights:
 - Panhellenic Council Philanthropy Total: \$86,777.72

Member Development Programming:

Member development and member engagement are important to the relationships of members and their organizations.

- 377 membership development programs coordinated in Fall 2020

- Most common program topics: professional development & career readiness and leadership development
- Other programs: financial management, diversity and inclusion, etiquette, current social issues, and lifelong membership.

Risk-Prevention Programming:

Risk-prevention remains a top priority of fraternities and sororities on and off campus.

- 151 risk-prevention programming events were hosted in Fall 2020
 - Covid-19, hazing, and mental health issues were the most prominently discussed topics
 - Other programs: alcohol use, drug use and abuse, eating disorders/body image issues, and campus safety.

Chapter Recognition:

Chapter recognition is an important component of chapter operations to ensure that members feel appreciated in their organizations.

- 171 total strategies of chapter recognition were reported.
 - 88% of chapters incorporated recognition in chapter meetings as a member recognition strategy.
 - Other strategies used: public recognition, chapter points, monetary incentives or scholarships, awards, and other rewards such as gift cards.

Academics

- **Academic Programming:** Academic programming events emphasize the importance of and offer strategies to achieve academic success.
 - 122 total academic programming events hosted
 - 77% of chapters hosted academic programming teaching study skills
 - Other programs: time management and test taking.
- **Academic Resources:** Fraternities and sororities work hard to ensure that they are providing their members with the necessary resources to excel academically.
 - 170 total academic resources were utilized in Fall 2020
 - 75% of chapters utilized chapter-designated study spaces.
 - Other resources utilized: reducing social privileges, creating personalized academic plans, offering subsidized tutoring and academic mentor programs.
- **Academic Recognition and Accountability:** When asked about their scholarship plan, the organizations detailed their specific strategies they utilize to help strong performers continue to achieve, and to support members who may need additional support.
 - Many chapters offer scholarships provided by the organizations' nationals, as well as chapter-sponsored scholarships.
 - Other strategies used: incentivizing academic achievements and improvements with gift cards, partial or total reimbursement for tutors, mentorship programs between active and new members, using chapter points as an academic incentive (e.g., GPA and A's earned factoring into chapter points totals).