

Expansion/Extension Policy for Greek-letter Organizations

Old Dominion University

This policy outlines ODU's expansion/extension procedures to be used when considering additional groups for the Greek community. Old Dominion University recognizes the expansion/extension policy involves several parties: students, inter/national Greek organizations, Governing Council(s), Office of Student Activities and Leadership (OSAL), and alumni members/advisors. Expansion/extension involves inviting inter/national fraternities and sororities to establish chapters on campus.

The addition of fraternities and sororities is part of the natural growth process of a Greek system, groups should be added when it is determined the addition can strengthen the community in order to continue a healthy, thriving Greek community.

Material requested from inter/national for formal expansion/extension proposal:

Written support from national office in order to establish a chapter
Area alumni support – letter of confirmation of support for a chapter by area alumni
Recruitment plans
Leadership and new member educational programs
Academic policies for undergraduate chapters
Mission of the organization
Historical background of the organization
Why the organization wants to be a member of the ODU community
Proof of Insurance
Risk management and alcohol policies
Submit a plan of action or timeline for colonization – length of time national staff will be on hand to colonize the chapter, plan for establishing a colony

Documents can be sent to:

Office of Student Activities and Leadership
Attention: Nicole Kiger, Director
Old Dominion University
1071 Webb University Center
Norfolk, VA 23529

Phone: (757) 683-3446
Fax: (757) 683-6088

Electronic materials can be sent to: nkiger@odu.edu

OSAL will provide organizations:

1. University enrollment statistics
2. Fraternity and sorority community membership statistics

information. The presentations should be no longer than 90 minutes. Presentations should be given by the

the respective Governing Council. Organizations seeking recognition as non-honorary Greek letter fraternities and sororities must meet be a member of the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council, or the Multi-Cultural Greek Council. A group is required to have a full advisory board, identified as two (2) permanent advisors for full membership and university recognition. This must be approved by the Governing Council. Upon final approval by the OSAL Director, the colony is given full recognition by the University. The respective Governing Council must then issue full council voting membership at Old Dominion University.

If a newly recognized group is not granted full membership at the end of the three semester provisional phase, said group must meet with the OSAL Director and Expansion Committee to determine if the group can make improvements to receive full membership.

Fraternity and Sorority Expansion/Extension Committee

The Expansion/Extension committee is responsible for determining when the campus community is ready for fraternity/sorority expansion. T