

Services & Requirements for BGSU Greeks Spring 2008

BGSU has enjoyed a thriving Greek Community for over 70 years, and in that time over 22,000 undergraduates have been affiliated with the Greek Community. The ultimate goal of the Greek Community is to enhance the undergraduate experience of its members and to enhance the BGSU campus.

In order to facilitate this goal, below are the services that BGSU provides to its 43 fraternities and sororities as a tangible way of showing their support. As a way to assist chapters in navigating the BGSU environment, also provided is a list of the requirements for fraternities and sororities. These requirements come from BGSU, the four individual Greek governing councils, and in some cases, the national organizations.

The hope is that these two lists will assist the Greek Community in becoming the premier Greek Community in North America.

Services

1) Staffing Support

- a) Provide four full-time staff members to advise individual fraternities and sororities.
- b) Provide eight graduate student staff members to advise individual fraternities and sororities, the four governing Greek councils, Housing Board, Scholarship Board, Go Greek Team, Greek Leadership Team, Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha honor societies.

2) Funding Support

- a) Provide \$18,000 to the four Greek governing councils for programming operations.
- b) Provide a \$89,000 Greek Affairs programming budget to support the Greek Community.
- c) Provide for BGSU Foundation accounts for each group to allow tax deductible gifts from alumni, families and friends, to go to the chapter for educational purposes (scholarships and leadership schools) as well as housing (house renovations, furniture, etc.)

3) Web Sites, Listserves & Calendar Support

- a) Provide a comprehensive Greek Affairs web site.
- b) Provide a comprehensive Greek calendar for all major events, on the Greek web site.
- c) Provide web sites for the four Greek governing councils.
- d) Provide web sites for each fraternity and sorority.
- e) Provide multiple listserves for chapters, Greek Councils, Chapter Presidents, selected officers and advisors.

4) Leadership Support

- a) Provide each chapter president a single room at a double room rate (a \$700 savings each semester). Remember that chapter presidents are required to reside in the chapter house.
- b) Provide a comprehensive leadership program for Greek members that includes:

- i) Greek-a-Palooza (formerly Greek Odyssey), a semesterly program for new members of the Greek Community (\$750)
- ii) Emerging Leaders (a two day retreat for “up and coming” Greek leaders) (\$7,000)
- iii) Leadership Academy (a one-day conference on leadership in Spring) (\$1,000)
- iv) Two Leadership courses for one-hour credit each: UNIV 210 and UNIV 310 (\$500)
- v) Leadership Retreats for Presidents, Recruitment Officers, Scholarship Officers and Council Officers and Cabinet Members (Fall and Spring semester) (\$7,000)
- vi) Greek Council Officer transition retreats
- vii) Individual chapter officer transition retreats
- viii) Mid-American Greek Council Association Leadership Academy (a leadership conference in Chicago where 30 BGSU Greek leaders attend)
- ix) Junior and Senior Programming (\$1,500)
- c) Provide major speakers annually to the Greek Community (in consultation with the Greek Councils).
- d) Provide a weekly dinner/lunch for the four Greek council presidents to build community and collaboration across the councils (\$1,500).
- e) Provide a monthly chapter president’s meeting to build Greek community among all 43 fraternities and sororities and to address community-wide issues (\$500).
- f) Provide a leadership honor society (Order of Omega), verification of eligibility for members and a quarter-page student newspaper ad to announce new members each semester (\$250/semester), and list on the Greek web site.

5) Scholarship Support

- a) Provide \$15,000 annually (\$7,500 each semester) in academic incentives for housed groups who achieve a GPA equal to or higher than the All-Women’s and All-Men’s GPA.
- b) Provide a student-run Scholarship Board to work with chapters whose GPA is below 2.50 and those seeking assistance.
- c) Provide \$2,000 in academic incentives annually (\$1,000 each semester) to those chapters below 2.50 (the scholarship board determines how this money is used)
- d) Provide an academic honor society (Gamma Sigma Alpha), verification of eligibility for members, and a quarter-page student newspaper ad to announce new members each semester (\$250/semester) and list on the Greek web site.
- e) Provide Advisors, Presidents, and Scholarship Chairs a GPA listing of their individual members each semester.
- f) Provide Dean’s List Certificates semesterly.
- g) Recognize those Greek members who achieve Dean’s List by placing a ¾ page ad in the BG News listing their names and affiliations (\$1,500 annually) and list on the Greek web site.
- h) Provide a Greek report each semester to gauge adherence to the core values of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service (see web site for reports).
- i) Send the Greek Report to all Faculty and Staff (2,400) each semester (\$500 annual cost)
- j) Produce a full-page ad in the BG News each semester listing the Greek Report (\$2,000 annual cost)
- k) Provide a Greek Graduate student to assist councils and individual chapters with scholarship

6) Recognition & Promotion Support

- a) Provide a half-page ad in the BG News listing those groups who won National Awards annually (\$500 annual cost) and post on the Greek web site.
- b) Provide an annual comprehensive Greek Awards program to recognize individuals and chapters for fulfilling the founding values of Greeks in February (\$3,000 annual cost).

- c) Produce a full-page ad in the BG News listing all Greek Awards program recipients (\$1,000) and list on the Greek web site.
- d) Recognize members of the Greek Community via advertisements in the BG News for achieving the Dean's List (half-page ad), being inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha (1/4 page ad each semester), Order of Omega (1/4 page ad each semester), Greek Report (full-page ad each semester), Greek Awards (full page ad in spring semester) and individual chapter awards (1/4 page ad in the fall semester) etc. (\$10,000)
- e) Provide promotional material (magnets, notepads, pens, highlighters, coffee mugs, mouse pads, etc.) to market the Greek experience to new students and parents (\$3,000)
- f) Provide a semesterly Family Newsletter to all 1,800 Greek members (\$4,000).
- g) Provide a semesterly electronic newsletter to the 300 Greek House Director alumni.
- h) Provide a reception at the annual Association of Fraternity Advisors meeting (\$2,000) for those graduates of the CSP program who work as Greek Advisors.

7) Recruitment/Intake and Growth Support

- a) Provide \$12,000 annually (\$6,000 each semester) in growth incentives for chapters that achieve a certain size (Panhellenic (including Alpha Phi Omega): 70, IFC: 50, NPHC: 13, GIB: 12) each semester.
- b) Provide a Go Greek Team, comprised of students from each Greek Council (10 total), who promote Greek Life at Orientation, Pre-View Days and throughout the year (\$4,000)
- c) Provide a Greek Graduate student to assist councils and individual chapters with recruitment and intake

8) New Chapter Support

- a) Provide extensive services to new chapters and interest groups including one designated staff member to provide assistance and advisory support.

9) Advisor Support

- a) Provide advisor meetings and/or conference calls semesterly.
- b) Copy advisors on most correspondence sent to chapter presidents.
- c) Include advisors on any housing renovations.
- d) Include advisors on the selection of Greek House Directors.
- e) Provide lists of Greek alumni to chapters for alumni newsletters.
- f) Provide a semesterly electronic newsletter to the 22,000 BGSU Greek alumni.
- g) Provide for tax deductible gifts to Greek chapters.
- h) Provide a free residence hall room for traveling consultants from the National Headquarters; if available (call Greek Affairs to schedule the apartment).

10) Housing Support

- a) Provide up to 30 chapter houses, or space in residence halls, for fraternities and sororities.
- b) Provide a trained staff member to serve as House Director for each housed group.
- c) Provide \$200,000 for annual housing renovations and landscaping.
- d) Provide an interior designer to work with chapters and advisors on renovation projects.
- e) Provide the BGSU discount for purchasing furniture for the chapter house.
- f) Provide dedicated maintenance and custodial staff to repair and clean fraternity and sorority houses.

Requirements

In the interest of consolidating all requirements into one document, requirements by the **University, Greek Affairs, and the four Greek governing councils** are listed below:

Overall

1. Chapters are expected to follow the teachings and values contained in their **Ritual** and to use the Ritual often to reinforce these values in their members.

President Meetings

1. Chapter presidents must attend the January President's Retreat, and the August Presidents Meeting (\$100 charge if not represented).
2. Chapter presidents must attend the three President's meetings semesterly (Jan. 22, Feb. 26 & April 1 @ 9:15 in 308 of the Union).
3. Chapter presidents must meet three times each semester with a full-time Greek Advisor (usually for 30 minutes).

Required Events

1. New members must attend Greek-a-Palooza (formerly Greek Odyssey) each semester (groups who intake new members after this event must attend the semester after intake)
2. Chapter's Risk Managers/Social Chairs must attend the semesterly Risk Managers/Social chairs meeting, held the first week of classes (\$50 charge for not attending)

Forms

1. Chapter presidents, new member educators/intake coordinators are required to sign the Hazing Agreement form semesterly (the form is found on the web site). **Due Feb. 8**
2. New members must sign a grade release form to release their academic information to their chapter president and advisors (the form is found on the web site). **Due Feb. 8**
3. Chapters should submit the following (form is on the web site), by **April 17** for the Greek Report:
 - a. A list of members involved in another registered student organizations (intramurals and student employment do not count).
 - b. The total number of service hours produced by members each semester, including a list of these projects.
 - c. The total dollars raised for charity, including what charities and how much was raised for each.
 - d. A list of academic incentives (incentive and dollars) provided to chapter members to reward them for good scholarship.
4. Chapter presidents only must update their roster by **April 17**.

Policies

1. Chapters must adhere to BGSU's alcohol policy, their national alcohol policy, and their Greek Council's policy, along with all local, state, and national laws.
2. Chapters must adhere to the alcohol-free intake/recruitment policy
3. Chapters must adhere to BGSU's hazing policy, their national hazing policy, and their Greek Council's hazing policy, along with all local, state, and national laws.
4. Chapters must adhere to the Greek Travel policy

Scholarship

1. Chapters must achieve a 2.50 semesterly GPA to have the following privileges:

- a. Ability to either receive or maintain on-campus housing.
 - b. Social privileges including sponsoring social events with other fraternities or sororities, hosting late-night events, mixers, teas, date parties, etc.
2. Chapters below a 2.50 semester GPA must attend a Greek Scholarship Board meeting to map out a scholarship strategy.
3. Individuals joining an IFC fraternity, an NPHC or a GIB group, must achieve a 2.50 cumulative GPA (NPHC groups also require 12 credit hours) as per the IFC and GIB policy, and the NPHC national policy.
4. Chapter presidents must achieve a 2.50 cumulative GPA and a 2.00 GPA the prior semester to election, and maintain this standard each semester of their term.
5. Chapters are highly encouraged to not have any activities the last week of classes.

Greek Councils

1. Chapters are expected to attend, actively participate, and pay dues on time, to their respective Greek Council.

Grad/Chapter Advisors

1. Chapters must have an active chapter/grad advisor who meets with the chapter at least two times per semester (the name and email of advisors are on the Greek web site).

Housing

1. Chapter presidents must live in the chapter house during their term in office (for which they receive a single room at a double rate, valued at \$700 each semester) for those groups with houses.
2. Chapters must maintain full occupancy of their on-campus house. Chapters with vacancies are charged \$500 per vacancy per semester (this will go up to \$600 for Fall 2008). Keep in mind that each vacancy represents a loss of \$1,700 which limits what Greek Affairs can provide to chapters. Chapters not at full occupancy are placed on Housing Probation, appear before the Greek Housing Board, and possibly could lose their house.