

# **GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD**



## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**



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Greetings!

The Greek Independent Board (GIB) is truly honored by your interest in joining our Council. Since GIB was founded upon the need for a diverse representation of Greek organizations not affiliated with other Greek-governing Councils at Bowling Green State University and the need for the unification and empowerment of all recognized fraternities and sororities, we welcome your petition to become a member of our Council and the BGSU Greek Community.

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 and to assist chapters in navigating the BGSU environment, 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.

Requirements provided by Greek Affairs:

1. Chapters are expected to follow the teachings and values contained in their *Ritual*.
2. Chapters must achieve a 2.50 semesterly GPA to have the following privileges:
  - a. Ability to either receive or maintain an on-campus house or hall.
  - b. Social privileges including sponsoring social events with other fraternities or sororities, hosting late-night events, mixers, teas, date parties, etc.
3. Individuals joining an IFC fraternity, an NPHC or a GIB group, must achieve a 2.50 cumulative GPA or a 2.50 GPA the previous semester (NPHC groups also require 15 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. Chapter presidents must attend the President's Retreat, held in August and January (\$100 charge if not represented).
6. Chapter presidents must attend the three President's meetings semesterly.
7. 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.
8. Chapter presidents, new member educators, and/or intake coordinators are required to sign the Hazing Agreement form semesterly (the form is found on the web site).
9. 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).
10. New members must attend Greek Odyssey (held each semester).
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Chapters must update their roster by the last day of the 15th week of classes semesterly.
14. Chapters should submit the following (form is on the web site), by the last day of the 15th week of classes each semester, 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 comprehensive list of academic incentives (incentive and dollars) provided to chapter members to reward them for good scholarship.
15. Chapters must maintain full occupancy of their on-campus house (chapters are charged \$500 per vacancy per semester). Chapters not at full occupancy will be placed on Housing Probation and/or lose the chapter house, and will appear before the Greek Housing Board.
  16. Chapters must have an advisor who meets with the chapter at least two times per semester (the name and email of the advisor should be submitted to Greek Affairs semesterly).
  17. Chapters are expected to attend, actively participate, and pay dues on time to their respective Greek Council.

Important segments of the GIB Constitution that all GIB chapters must adhere to:

The full document can be found at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/page16785.html>

- Membership within this Board shall be open to BGSU Officially Recognized Greek Letter Organizations compliant with standards of excellence set by BGSU. Chapters must be in accordance with the guiding principles of Greek Affairs (Scholarship, Service, Leadership, & Brotherhood/Sisterhood). Chapters joining the board shall have a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative G.P.A. and shall maintain a 2.50 cumulative G.P.A. to remain in good standing with the Board. Membership shall be attained by submitting official membership application to the Board, a letter of recommendation from the organization's advisor, an interview by and a presentation to the General Body of the GIB, and finally the vote of membership by those organizations within GIB.
- The general body meetings will be held twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 9:15pm. A special meeting may be called by the President if there is an eminent issue at hand that will affect all organizations, or by two-thirds of members. Absences of any kind to the general meeting will result in a fine of five dollars, unless an approved excuse is presented to the executive board. If a chapter is delinquent in paying dues or fines, the said will lose voting privileges until they maintain good standing. Each chapter must send two representatives to every general body meeting; with the consent of the executive board, less than two members can attend. One meeting a month must be attended by the Chapter Presidents.
- Greek Independent Board's dues will be twenty-five dollars per semester for chapters having twenty-five members and under; for those chapters having over-twenty five members, dues will be fifty dollars per semester. Dues are due by the third meeting of the semester.

All GIB chapters must also adhere to the GIB New Member Intake Policy listed below:

**BGSU Greek Independent Board New Member Intake Policy**  
**Fall 2007**

*BGSU and GIB are committed to the success of GIB fraternities and sororities. We will work closely with each chapter and the board, to ensure a good experience for those students who join a GIB group.*

**Eligibility**

- GIB groups in good standing with BGSU (i.e. not on probation with the university or in poor standing with the board) and their national headquarters are eligible to conduct intake.
- All GIB fraternities and sororities must notify the Greek Affairs Office and get permission for intake prior to any intake activities (i.e. interest meetings, flyers, etc.).
- Any BGSU undergraduate student with a 2.50 cumulative GPA or the GPA that is required by the individual chapter's national/international policy, whichever is higher, is eligible for intake (this applies to all fraternities and sororities at BGSU).

**Intake Process**

- Intake can occur throughout the year.
- A meeting must be held between the undergraduate chapter president, intake coordinator, and the GIB Advisor, to get approval for intake, one week prior to any intake activity. Chapter Advisors are welcome to attend this meeting.
- Groups must submit to the GIB Advisor one week prior to any activities, a schedule of intake activities from the interest meetings to initiation, including any "coming out" show. This list will remain confidential.
- Greek Affairs will verify the GPA of those going through the intake process prior to any activity (this is done for all fraternities and sororities at BGSU) and will send the information to the Chapter Advisor.

**Forms Required**

- Each semester all BGSU fraternities and sororities must sign the Hazing Compliance Form (undergraduate chapter president, intake coordinator, Faculty Advisor, and Chapter Advisor) by the third week of the semester (the same date for all Greeks to turn in this form).
- All those going through the intake process must sign a BGSU Grade Release Form one week prior to any intake activity, with all those going through the intake process being added to the chapter's roster in Greek Affairs.

**Coming Out Show**

- Not all groups can conduct a coming out show due to their national policies.
  - Groups need to notify Greek Affairs at least 24 hours in advance of the show.
  - During the show there will be no disrespecting other Greeks or any other peoples.
- Greek Affairs would like to publicize these shows to the Greek Staff so that they will be educated about GIB groups.

## **GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

The following items must be completed and/or submitted for consideration of membership in the Greek Independent Board:

1. Meeting of chapter president and chapter advisor(s) with the Director of Greek Affairs, council graduate advisor, and council president. – *please contact C.J. Mathis, Graduate Advisor, to schedule: [mathisc@bgsu.edu](mailto:mathisc@bgsu.edu)*
2. Membership Application Form
3. Membership Questionnaire
4. Letter of Intent – *on letterhead and signed by the chapter president*
5. Letter of Recommendation – *signed and submitted by the chapter advisor*
6. Chapter Roster – *include each member's name, e-mail address, position (if applicable); also indicate which members will be serving as GIB delegates if membership is extended*
7. 5-10 minute presentation about your organization – *your chapter is responsible for securing any audio/visual equipment needed*

After the completion/submission of items 1-6, the Greek Independent Board will contact your chapter to schedule a time for your presentation.

**GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Organization name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nick Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Web Address** *(if applicable)*: http://\_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**National Founding Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Founding Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total BGSU Undergraduate Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter G.P.A.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Philanthropy:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Statement/Purpose:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meeting Date/Time/Frequency:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Founding Principles:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE**

- 1) What does your chapter know about GIB?
- 2) What makes your chapter interested in joining GIB?
- 3) What will your chapter bring to GIB?
- 4) What criteria are required for potential new members to be considered for membership into your chapter?
- 5) What is required of members to remain active once initiated?
- 6) Which chapter(s) and in what way have you worked with Greek-affiliated organizations in the past?
- 7) What other groups does your chapter collaborate with that are not Greek-affiliated?
- 8) What events or programming ideas can your organization bring to GIB?
- 9) What are your intermediate and long-term goals as a chapter and organization?
- 10) List all events held in the past year. Please describe one of those events in great detail (including date, location, program chair/event director, purpose/goals, relationship with your organizational purpose, etc.).
- 11) Describe your local philanthropy and the purpose it serves as it relates to your organization's mission, the campus community, and society overall.

### **GREEK AFFAIRS MISSION STATEMENT**

Building a premier Fraternity and Sorority Community in North America utilizing continuous improvement that provides the following:

1. A quality undergraduate residential experience for the housed fraternities and sororities.
2. A complete quality undergraduate fraternity and sorority experience that builds community among all Greeks and that emphasizes our founding principles of **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Brotherhood/Sisterhood.**
3. A commitment to furthering the Greek Advising profession through a quality graduate preparatory experience, research, conference attendance and presentation and national leadership.