

Expansion and Extension for Greek-letter Organizations at Western Carolina University

We are excited your organization is interested in joining the Western Carolina University community! We are a deferred campus meaning that students must have at least 12 WCU or 24 transfer credit hours completed before joining a fraternity or sorority. Because of this, we recommend that organizations (re)colonize during the spring semester. The Department of Greek Student Engagement & Development alongside the Dean of Students and the respective council will determine readiness for community growth before engaging organizations. The standards and procedures differ among the three councils in order to align with their governing structures. However, there are minimum requirements of all organizations across councils:

- 1) Number of Members to charter or re-charter a chapter – If approved by the Department of Greek Engagement, an organization may gauge interest on campus and under special circumstances and proof of sustainability, be placed on a provisional or colony status with fewer numbers. The organization will have only two academic years to meet the requirements below before being considered inactive by the University.
 - a. CPC – minimum of 50 members or organization’s requirements, whichever is larger
 - b. IFC – minimum of 15 members or organization’s requirements, whichever is larger
 - c. NPHC – minimum of 5 members or organization’s requirements, whichever is larger

- 2) Required Items:
 - a. Expansion or Extension Plan
 - b. Constitution & Bylaws
 - c. Certificate of Liability (at least a \$1 million policy)
 - d. Solidified Campus and Chapter Advisor
 - e. New Member Education Plan
 - f. Sustainability Plan (i.e. Alumni support, I/HQ support, goals)

College Panhellenic Council (CPC)

For CPC, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sets the guidelines for extension. This process involves two votes, two committees, and presentations from interested NPC organizations. Please see below for an outline of the extension process.

CPC will vote on an exploratory committee. The committee will gather information in order to formulate a report that will be distributed to each chapter and their respective national organization for review. The committee will be comprised of one representative of each chapter (president, chapter advisor, etc.), a Greek Engagement staff member, and the Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students. The information gathered is as follows:

- a. Enrollment statistics
- b. Recruitment statistics
- c. Chapter membership statistics
- d. Housing statistics

- e. Growth analysis
- f. Questions to be addressed

In addition to the report information, the committee will make a recommendation on extension. The chapters/national organizations will have the report for two weeks. CPC will then hold another vote on whether to extend or not. If CPC votes to open the campus for extension, the NPC Extension Committee will issue an extension bulletin to all NPC organizations.

CPC will then select members for the Extension Committee. The committee will handle determining selection criteria/qualities needed in a new organization, reviewing submitted materials, determining which organizations will be invited for presentations, determining the presentation, reviewing feedback from the presentations and recommending to CPC which organization to invite to colonize (NPC Extension Process, 2016). CPC will vote on which organization to invite and has the ability to stack organizations, allowing multiple sororities to charter over a period of time.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The Department of Greek Engagement and Development in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council (IFC) will determine whether Western Carolina University is open for expansion. Three areas will be considered when determining expansion:

- 1) Current IFC chapter sizes at WCU
- 2) Health of current IFC chapters at WCU
- 3) Ability of the Department and Council to support a provisional chapter

An organization will then be invited to campus to present. In the event the organization is recolonizing, their previous history (i.e. conduct, chapter size, alumni support) will be considered. Once the presentation has concluded, each voting IFC chapter will gather to vote, and an organization will need a majority vote and the support of the IFC Advisor to colonize/recolonize.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The Department of Greek Engagement and Development in conjunction with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will determine whether Western Carolina University is open for expansion. Four areas will be considered when determining expansion:

- 1) Current NPHC chapter sizes
- 2) Health of current NPHC chapters at WCU
- 3) Current interest level on campus
- 4) Ability of the Department and Council to support a provisional chapter

The Department will work with the regional staff of the organization to determine a (re)chartering plan.

*Any organizations that are not affiliated with our three councils may contact our Department to discuss a success plan and ways in which our department may support a chapter.