

**Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Conference Call**  
**Call Notes**  
**February 23, 2016**

**Present: Tarah Bjorklund (Sigma Sigma Sigma), Dan Hallgren (Sigma Nu), Erik Heller (Lambda Chi Alpha), Matt Lexcen (Sigma Nu), Tim Randolph (Phi Kappa Psi) John Bulcock (MSU)**

**AFLV Conference Update**

15 people from MSU Attended. This is the largest Greek leadership conference in the country. More than 3200 were there. MSU's Panhellenic Council was named a finalist for the Sutherland Award, which recognizes the best councils in the region.

**Dance Marathon Update**

This weekend is MSU Dance Marathon. There will be a dinner on Friday night, with the actual large event on Saturday from 2-10. The event raises funds for Children's Miracle Network. This year's goal is \$20,000, and it looks as though we'll hit it.

**Recruitment numbers update**

As of the call, 32 new members are signed. 11 women and 21 men. Final rosters for the semester are due April 1. Chapter presidents are responsible for making sure rosters are current in OrgSync.

**Fundraising Concerns**

Different national orgs have different policies surrounding fundraising to support chapter operations. Some student leaders are members of groups that do not allow it, at all, requiring that all "fundraisers" benefit a charitable cause. They are assuming that this is the case for all groups. Please check with your national org if there are questions about what you can and can't do. John has reached out via e-mail to hq staff. Alpha Sigma Alpha is the only group to respond, thus far, telling me that they do not allow fundraising for chapter operations. The groups that have responded saying that it's ok are: Delta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Chi Omega, and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Across the board, it has been said that, if fundraising for chapter operations, the group needs to be transparent about where the money is going. Rather than saying "Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fundraiser," a chapter would need to state that a portion of the proceeds to go to BBBS.

**Spring outlook**

This time of year, students start to experience more intense stress levels. Mid-terms are upon us. Chapters are busier. People are ready for Spring Break. If advisors notice issues developing, be sure to use resources on campus or to encourage students to do so. As the weather gets nicer, more people will be outside. We tend to see an increase in Risk Management/Social Event violations. Please encourage chapters to be more proactive in planning for their events.

**Housing**

We're moving forward with a consultant. They will be doing focus groups and surveys of our stakeholders. They are going to look at 10 institutions for us, shedding light on their processes, costs, etc., and help us look at what may be realistic.

**MSSA Funding**

Chapters are eligible to get up to \$50 per person (\$1000 max per year) for travel funding for groups traveling to conferences. Funding is available on a Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30) basis. Funding must be applied for and approved before traveling. If traveling during the summer, groups need to have travel funds approved by April 20. Process can take up to two weeks, so I'd suggest applying by April 1 or very shortly thereafter.

Groups can also apply for \$500 in programming funds. If a group is hosting an educational program or other program, open to all students, they can get up to \$500 to help with non-food costs. If they partner on an event with another group, EACH group is eligible for up to \$500. Applications and specifics are available in the MSSA OrgSync portal, under "Forms."

### **UIFI Funding**

The Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute is a fantastic leadership development opportunity that take place during the summer. We will be offering 2 scholarships to students for this opportunity. One is funded by the Panhellenic Council and is specifically limited to a sorority woman. The other is open to anyone. Applications will be available by March 1 in the Maverick Greeks OrgSync portal. Ideal attendees would be rising Sophomores and Juniors who are on their way to significant council or chapter leadership roles.

More info about UIFI is available at <http://www.nicindy.org/attend-uifi.html>.

The following national orgs provide scholarships: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In order to be considered for one of ours, members of these organizations must also apply for the ones available through their national organizations.

### **Advisor OrgSync Access**

I have advisors' TechID and StarID information and am simply waiting on IT to inform me as to where I need to have you start, in terms of activating that or resetting passwords. I hope to have by the end of this week and will let you know.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

1. Feb 26-27: Dance Marathon
2. Feb 29: "Leap Into Greek Life"
3. March 14-18: Mental Health Awareness Week
4. April 4-8: Sexual Assault Awareness Week
5. April 11-16: Greek Week
6. April 17: Greek Banquet

Next Call: March 29, 7:00 p.m.