

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Fraternity/Sorority Life

Chapter Advisor Conference Call Minutes
October 25, 2016

Callers Present: Kammie Beyer (Sigma Sigma Sigma), Tarah Bjorklund (Sigma Sigma Sigma), Molly Grove (Alpha Sigma Alpha), Tim Randolph (Phi Kappa Psi)

1. Graduate Advisor Introduction
 - a. Travis Higgs (unable to join due to class conflict) has joined the Fraternity/Sorority Life team from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He was a re-founding father of his Pi Kappa Phi chapter. He is a 1st year student in the MPA program at MSU. He relates well to the students and has been a great addition. Once budgets are approved, we will have an idea about continuation of the Graduate Advisor position. We hope Travis will be able to continue.
2. Recruitment update
 - a. Men: 67 current new members (has decreased to 65 since call). Total last Fall was 69. Men have been seeing small declines in recruitment numbers.
 - i. Tim asked about reason behind decline. John believes that it is not due to a decline in interest. Chapters aren't putting as much effort into recruitment. Recruitment chairmen are seen as only recruiters. Names lists are provided all summer long, beginning in April, yet chapters do not utilize until August. Summer recruitment must be embraced.
 - b. Women: 93 current new members. Total new members last Fall was 77. We continue to see growth in sorority membership. "Total" is currently at 74 and will reset once we know Spring roster numbers.
3. Greek Housing Discussion Update
 - a. Apologies to those who tried to call in for 10/7 meeting/conference call. Technical and set-up difficulties made it impossible to have call-ins happen last-minute. Notes are being reviewed by Dr. David Jones, VP for Student Affairs, and will be posted at <http://www.mnsu.edu/student/greekalumni/taskforce.html> when ready. Survey results from April 2016 survey, along with the agenda for the meeting are already posted. Please share with any interested parties. If Housing Committee Reps have changed, please send to marla.bock@mnsu.edu.
4. Programming update
 - a. Homecoming
 - i. Great participation. Thanks to groups who got involved and competed well. Greek Community represented itself well.
 - b. National Hazing Prevention Week
 - i. Student-lead social media campaign spread the message that we do not tolerate or stand for hazing in our organizations. Hopeful to have partnership with athletics in the future.
 - c. National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
 - i. Just finished last week. Partnered with Student Health Services/Health Education on "Rethink Your Drink" awareness fair. Hosted "Kegs and Eggs" educational information distribution. Partnership has been developed with Tow

Distributing, our local Anheuser Busch distributor. This is part of their Corporate Social Responsibility effort.

5. Greek Awards Process
 - a. Greek Awards criteria are available in “Files” section of Maverick Greeks OrgSync portal, or on “Current Member Resources” tab of www.maverickgreeks.com. Applications are all due Friday, February 17. Sororities consistently submit applications. Men’s groups are less likely to do so. These complement national awards applications and accreditation programs well. Please encourage chapters to complete applications, as this is often times the only time each year that some groups assess their progress.
6. Chapter Advisor Training and Summit
 - a. Last year’s program was hosted in early January. We’d like to host again and encourage chapter advisor participation. This is a good opportunity to get together and refresh ourselves on current issues and to touch base with each other. How is timing?
 - i. Tim R-bad weekend.
 - b. John will look at dates and send out a “Doodle” for suggestions on scheduling.
7. Upcoming conference travel opportunities
 - a. February 9-12, we will travel to Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) conference in Indianapolis. This was formerly known as MGCA or MIFCA/MAPCA. Out of pocket cost is \$400 for students. Panhellenic Council has budgeted to subsidize \$300 of that for each exec council officer and for one delegate per chapter (\$100 out of pocket). IFC exec officers are subsidized at half (\$200 out of pocket).
 - b. Great opportunity for chapter and council officers. Largest Greek Leadership Conference in the country. Please encourage participation.
8. Chapter and council elections
 - a. Interfraternity Council Elections will be November 3 and 10.
 - b. Panhellenic Council Elections will be November 6 and 10.
 - c. Officer Installation/Recognition Ceremony for incoming and outgoing Council Officers and Chapter Presidents will be 4 p.m., Sunday, December 4. CSU Room 253. Advisors welcome to attend.
9. Greek Graduation Ceremony will be held at All-Greek Meeting. 9 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.
10. John will send out invite for next call in late November/early December.