

**Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Conference Call
Call Notes
December 8, 2015**

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1. Elections Update
 - a. Both governing councils and all chapters have completed elections.
 - b. The attached program from our installation ceremony lists both outgoing and incoming council officers and chapter presidents.
2. Conference Opportunities Update
 - a. Futures Quest
 - i. 5 fraternity men from our community have received scholarships to cover the \$395 registration fee for this leadership conference. They will travel to Indiana next weekend to represent our university. One of the men is driving all of them there, and we will be picking up travel expenses.
 - b. Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values
 - i. As of right now, 19 students, in addition to the Greek Life Graduate Advisor and I, will travel to Indianapolis for the largest Greek leadership conference in the country. Out of pocket cost is \$200 for council officers and \$400 for anyone else. Sorority chapters have \$200 to use as they see fit for this conference. Their council budgeted for this. We have openings for 1 more woman and 3 more men.
3. Housing Committee Update
 - a. The university has contracted with a firm that will be conducting a market study for Residence Life. They offer services for Greek life projects, too. We had hoped to have stakeholder surveys out and focus groups started by the end of the semester. Due to a delay in contract execution, we are a bit behind. We anticipate surveys being out in January.
4. Advisor Summit/Training Update
 - a. Saturday, January 9 10 a.m.-3 p.m., CSU 245
 - b. Suggested Topics: Advising Basics (Working With Students, Dealing With HQ, Supporting the Chapter and the Community, etc.); Awards Programs; Alumni Relations Programming; Risk Management/Liability/Conduct Policies and Procedures; Balancing Stakeholder Interests; Potential Role of Chapter Advisor Group; Hot Topics (diversity/inclusion, sexual assault legislation). Please send me others.
 - c. I will send out a calendar event for this. Please share this with other advisors who may be part of your board. I will need an accurate count for lunch ordering purposes.
5. Graduation Update
 - a. This fall, we graduate about 27 members of our community. We are entering a stretch of Spring semesters during which we'll lose large numbers of our Greek Community to graduation. This is fantastic, but it will necessitate significant recruitment efforts.
 - b. Graduates are now being recognized at a Greek Graduation Ceremony each semester. We invite an alumnus to welcome the new graduates to the ranks of alumni. This semester, Jennifer Jones, Alpha Chi Omega alumna and wife of VP for Student Affairs David Jones, served as our speaker. Members are presented with a special Maverick Greeks Alumni lapel pin to put on their commencement regalia. Alumni Advisors who

are on campus may stop by to pick one up, or I will have them at the summit/training in January

6. Sorority Total/Recruitment
 - a. Sorority “total” has been adjusted to 75. It is my understanding that 3 of our 4 chapters will have at least one spot to fill in the Spring.
7. Academic reports for FA 15
 - a. Preliminary chapter grade reports should be available for chapters sometime during the week of January 4-8. Once I release the preliminary reports, chapter presidents will have 1 week to notify me of any anticipated grade changes. In order for those to affect the chapter’s grade report grade changes will need to be processed by that one week deadline. Otherwise, I will not go looking for individuals’ changes. Final reports and community membership statistics will be available soon after the one-week deadline for correction notifications.
8. “Ed Talks”
 - a. At each month’s “All-Greek” meeting, we invite a presenter to give an “Ed-Talk.” This is modeled after the Ted Talk concept. Topics have included spirituality and college students, dating and relationships, emotional intelligence, living a life of legacy, etc. We are looking for speakers and topics that can “pack a punch” into 10-15 minutes. If there are recommendations, we would gladly accept them.
9. Umbrella Organizations
 - a. The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) have been in the news a lot lately.
 - i. The NIC is the trade association to which most national fraternities belong. The group recently approved “NIC 2.0,” a re-focusing and restructuring of the conference’s priorities. This is widely being praised as something much needed. [Find out more about NIC 2.0 here.](#)
 - ii. The NPC and the NIC have both been involved in creating legislative agendas, which they believe further the cause of fraternity and sorority life on campuses. You may find out more about either by visiting www.nicindy.org or www.npcwomen.org.