Expansion Guidelines

New York University adheres to conditional growth. This growth promotes the restricted and evaluated expansion of all social fraternities and sororities and maintaining campus based authority over the processes to ensure success for all constituencies involved. No local fraternities or sororities are permitted to colonize.

Outlined will be the guidelines for expansion. These guidelines are:

- position statement and documentation that meets the Relationship Policy of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life;
- presentation and support from the New York University Expansion Team; and
- benefits and expectations of newly colonized or chapters of fraternities and sororities
  - Any specific guidelines from the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA), National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

Section I

The Inter-Greek Council’s Recognition Committee and/or any applicable council in collaboration with professional staff in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life shall determine, at any point during the calendar year, if the community is able and willing to accept new fraternity and sorority membership. In compliance with the aforementioned definition of conditional growth, New York University exercises the right to be open or closed for any expansion or extension efforts. The status of fraternity and sorority expansion or extension (i.e., open or closed) will be published and continually updated on New York University’s web page.

Any social fraternity and sorority seeking recognition at New York University must file the proper documentation to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority in the Center for Student Activities, Leadership, and Service. In this documentation which is outlined below, the new fraternity or sorority must identify which governing council it wishes to join in order for those policies to be followed, as well as processes from its national counterpart. In order for a
fraternity or sorority to begin with the expansion process the following must be provided and documented:

A. documentation of tax status as stated in the Social Fraternity and Sorority Relationship Policy;

B. any possible contact information with the following:
   i. alumni with interest of helping and guiding expansion processes
      a. specifics include a formation of an alumni advisory board and
      b. list of alumni in the greater New York, NY metropolitan area;
   ii. full names and student identification numbers of the New York University students interested in the expansion
   iii. proper documentation from the organization of policies such as:
      a. risk management;
      b. recruitment/intake process;
      c. new Member Education/Intake curriculum;
      d. national and proposed local constitution and bylaws;
      e. plan of action/timeline. This includes when the first new member class is to be inducted, tentative date for organization to be chartered, etc;
      f. rules or policies from the national or international colonization process;
      and
      g. any further documentation that may be requested from Fraternity & Sorority Life
   iv. In the event of a fraternity or sorority receiving its charter from its national or international organization a partnership must be established with New York University for a chartering event. Specifics of the event will be completed by the (inter)national office, local chapter of the fraternity or sorority, and the university

Expansion Team/Membership Committee
An expansion team or membership committee will conduct the review and evaluation of any fraternity or sorority for consideration. The Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life or
another designee will approve the Expansion Team every semester. The committee will also review and presentation of the potential new fraternity or sorority and, in collaboration with the National Panhellenic Conference with recommendation, serves as an extension committee for NPC’s process.

A. Expansion Team Membership – The Expansion Team will consist of the following positions:
   i. Assistant Director or designee (e.g. Associate Director of Center for Student Activities, Leadership, and Service);
   ii. Graduate Assistant(s) for Fraternity and Sorority Life;
   iii. Inter-Greek Council Recognition Committee;
   iv. Adjustments to committee membership may be done if deemed necessary by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Initial Reviews and Formal Presentations
All initial reviews and formal presentations will be heard and reviewed by the Expansion Team. The committee will review all documentation as mentioned above to determine if the proposed fraternity or sorority will continue with a formal presentation. The formal presentation must consist of topics such as
   A. Reason for expansion
   B. Alumni support
   C. Resources from national or international office to assist with colonization and expansion
   D. Explanation of process from the national or international organization
   E. Risk management, educational, and event planning information
   F. Explanation of how Fraternity & Sorority Life can be of assistance
   G. Financial standing and resources
   H. Recruitment/Intake plans and processes
   I. Explanation of how the new organization will benefit students at New York University, the local community, and the fraternity and sorority community.
After a formal presentation is made, the Expansion Team will provide feedback, plans, and formal status of the fraternity or sorority (i.e., Colony Status or formal disapproval) to the professional staff of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee. An approved timeline from expansion to chartering based from the national or international organization’s headquarters as well as national governing council’s guidelines will be provided as well. Upon approval from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, a formal recommendation and/or decision will be presented to the applicable council for final approval.

Section II
Any re-colonization of a fraternity or sorority at NYU shall abide by all of the aforementioned regulations in order to be eligible for expansion. The FSL Expansion Team along with university partners and offices will deal with matters of re-colonization. For a fraternity or sorority seeking re-colonization the following criteria will need to be met and/or approved. Some of criteria outlined is subject to the (inter)national headquarters staff to provide further information or proof:

A. Reason(s) for the fraternity/sorority losing their status at NYU and if the chapter is permitted to return to the institution;
B. Conduct review of the fraternity/sorority in general; and
C. Any previously agreed and approved plans with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Office of Community Standards as to when the fraternity/sorority is eligible to return.

Section III
A recognized fraternity or sorority will receive benefits that are outlined in the FSL Relationship Policy:

A. use of University facilities provided OrgSync approval;
B. use of University facilities through the NYU Residential Education and Housing policies (per each applicable organization);
C. opportunity to apply for University funds and pouring rights funding in accordance with University rules and regulations;
D. use of University services;
E. use of resources provided by the Division of Student Affairs, Center for Student Activities, Leadership, and Service and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life;
F. inclusion in University publications, directories and distribution materials;

G. participation in University student organization fairs/ClubFest;
H. on-campus advertising; and
I. eligible for on-campus fund-raising activities.

A registered colony fraternity or sorority must adhere to the following expectations:
A. A monthly meeting with FSL staff to go over progress and information;
B. student Code of Conduct;
C. membership to applicable and constitution and bylaws of the fraternity or sorority’s governing council;
D. Fraternity & Sorority Life’s policies and standards:
   i. Annual Evaluation;
   ii. Chapter Event and Risk Management;
   iii. Expansion;
   iv. New Member/Intake and Anti-Hazing;
   v. any other administrative policies, guidelines, or decisions as determined by Fraternity & Sorority Life;
E. Residence Life Housing Policies (if applicable);
F. national organization constitution and bylaws; and
G. all other applicable federal, state, university, state, and local laws and policies.