



## 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.

### Section I

Any applicable council in collaboration with professional staff in Fraternity and Sorority Life shall determine, at any point during the calendar year, if the community and staff is able and willing to accept new fraternity and sorority organizations. 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 submit the proper documentation to Fraternity and Sorority in the Center for Student Life. 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 (if applicable)
  - iii. proper documentation from the organization of policies and programs such as:
    - a. risk management;
    - b. recruitment/intake process;
    - c. new Member Education/Intake curriculum;
    - d. diversity, equity, and inclusion programming;
    - e. national and proposed local constitution and bylaws;
    - f. plan of action/timeline. This includes when the first new member class is to be inducted, tentative date for organization to be chartered, etc;
    - g. rules or policies from the national or international colonization process; and
    - h. 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

**Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion/Extension Approval**

Fraternity and Sorority Life staff members in collaboration with a representative per governing council 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 representative from each council every semester. Each representative along with the voted approval and support via their council will also review the potential new fraternity or sorority and, in collaboration with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) with recommendation will comply to advise and support the extension committee for NPC's process.

- A. Any potential new organization will be reviewed by the:
  - i. Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - ii. Program Administrator of Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - iii. Council representatives (3)
  - iv. Adjustments to committee membership may be done if deemed necessary by Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- B. Should the College Panhellenic wish to seek a vote for an extension research/exploration committee they must consult with Fraternity and Sorority Life.
  - i. Upon advisement of FSL staff and NPC an extension research/exploration committee can be formed to recommend to the Panhellenic whether extension should or should not be considered (National Panhellenic Conference Manual of Information, Extension, E-3).

**Initial Reviews and Formal Presentations**

All initial reviews and formal presentations will be heard and reviewed by Fraternity and Sorority Life. Documentation will be reviewed 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. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs and/or initiatives
- G. Explanation of how Fraternity and Sorority Life can be of assistance
- H. Financial standing and resources
- I. Recruitment/Intake plans and processes
- J. 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, Fraternity and Sorority Life will take any governing council's vote as formal recommendation. Fraternity and Sorority Life will then provide feedback, plans, and formal status of the fraternity or sorority (i.e., new member organization status or disapproval). 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 Fraternity and Sorority Life, a formal recommendation and/or decision will be presented to the applicable council for final approval.

**Section II**

Any effort for a fraternity or sorority to return and seek new organization status at NYU shall abide by all of the aforementioned regulations in order to be eligible for expansion. Fraternity and Sorority Life along with university partners and offices will deal with matters of organizations wishing to seek new membership status. 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 Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Office of Student Conduct as to when the fraternity/sorority is eligible to return.

**Section III**

NYU, governing councils, and chapters reserve the right to accept or deny any interested or prospective new fraternity/sorority. New York University, through the Center for Student Life, also reserves the right to veto any council vote for denial or acceptance of a fraternity/sorority should insufficient reason be provided.

**Section IV**

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 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 Life, and 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 fundraising 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 and 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 and 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.