

December 2, 2015

Diane Stecher, National President
Delta Zeta Sorority

Dear Diane,

Thank you for submitting materials on October 30, 2015 (and an addendum December 1, 2015), seeking to reestablish your Gamma Beta Chapter in partnership with the University of Connecticut in Fall 2016.

After a careful review of materials, phone calls with Delta Zeta staff and national officers, consideration of reported violations of sanctions by members, and thorough discussion with UConn Student Affairs leadership and Panhellenic officers, we have determined the following: The University of Connecticut will support a return of Delta Zeta in Fall 2017, contingent upon continued communication and a reinforced commitment to the original sanction letter.

The chapter culture was addressed by the Student Organization Conduct Committee in their sanction letter of August 11, 2014. Sadly, it appears that the loss of recognition by the University, and subsequent chapter suspension by the Sorority, was not sufficient to curb unacceptable behavior by some members that violated both UConn and Delta Zeta expectations. Unfortunately, those members' actions have jeopardized the ability for the Sorority to return in Fall 2016, as proposed.

We are glad that Delta Zeta shares our concerns, responded immediately upon notification of the behavior, and is willing to pursue membership termination where warranted. Delta Zeta seeks a fresh start to reestablish the chapter in the future. We support this plan, and have determined that Fall 2017 will provide the best opportunity to do so. This timeline will allow members of the former chapter to graduate and move on, and newly recruited members to be unencumbered by those still on campus who have attempted to continue operating an underground chapter.

We are invested in Delta Zeta, and are committed to rebuilding the decades-long partnership we previously enjoyed. Most importantly, we believe that with our support, Delta Zeta will be able to provide a positive, values-based member experience for UConn students. We look forward to continued communication to strategically plan for a successful return of Delta Zeta in Fall 2017.

Sincerely and Interfraternally,



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