Exploratory Extension Committee Membership

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According to the NPC Manual of Information:

ARTICLE X

EXTENSION

Section 1: When all regular members of the Panhellenic Council at UCONN are over chapter total and Panhellenic conditions are ready, the Panhellenic Council shall consider opening for extension. Only regular members can vote on all matters regarding extension.
October 23rd – Panhellenic voted to form Exploratory Extension Committee

October 31st – First meeting of the Exploratory Extension Committee; Review of statistics and discussion of the status of the Panhellenic community

November 1st – Further discussion

November 3rd – Last committee meeting; Reached a unanimous recommendation

November 6th – Presentation to Panhellenic and campus community members regarding their recommendation

November 20th – Panhellenic Council will vote on the Committee’s recommendation, @ 8pm SU 324
Our Recommendation

The UConn Panhellenic community is ready for Extension, and the Committee recommends that Panhellenic opens for Extension immediately.

From Panhellenic’s Bylaws:

Section 3: The Panhellenic President or Vice President of Administration can also present a petition for opening for extension. The petition must sit with the Panhellenic Council for two weeks. At the second Panhellenic Council meeting after the petition has been present, a vote will take place. Chapter Presidents must be present for this vote.

Section 4: All regular members of the Panhellenic Council shall vote on matters regarding extension. Associate and provisional members shall have voice but no vote.
According to NPC, the following areas should be evaluated when considering Extension:

1. Community Growth Analysis
2. Chapter Membership Growth
3. Panhellenic Recruitment Statistics
4. University Enrollment Growth
5. Housing Options
Community Growth Analysis

% UW in Panhellenic Chapters

- 2008: 7.9%
- 2009: 8.4%
- 2010: 8.7%
- 2011: 9.6%
- 2012: 11.2%
- 2013: 13.3%

% UW in Panhellenic Chapters
Chapter Membership Growth

Total # of Chapter Members

- 2008: 678
- 2009: 717
- 2010: 750
- 2011: 833
- 2012: 984
- 2013: 1205

Total # of Chapter Members
Chapter Membership Growth

Chapter Total
(At the time of Recruitment)

** TOTAL RAISED TO 148 ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**
Formal Recruitment Statistics

Average Chapter Size (Post-Recruitment)

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Formal Recruitment Statistics

Open House Pool: # of women who attended the first night of Recruitment

- 2008: 333
- 2009: 311
- 2010: 359
- 2011: 402
- 2012: 395
- 2013: 506

Open House Pool
Formal Recruitment Statistics

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Formal Recruitment Statistics

% Matched

Year | % Matched
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2008 | 74%
2009 | 76%
2010 | 71%
2011 | 79%
2012 | 80%
2013 | 90%
UConn Growth Analysis

• Next Generation Connecticut
  – Fall 2013, more first-year students on Storrs campus (+641)
  – 20.5% increase from last year’s first-year students
  – 4,500 additional undergraduate students at Storrs over ten year period

• What we have witnessed since 2012:
  – 28.1% increase in Open House Participation
  – 10% increase in matched bids
  – 20.3% increase in Chapter Total
Housing Options

- UConn houses one of the highest percentages of its undergraduate students.
- UConn spent $12 million to build Greek housing on campus, and opened Husky Village in Fall 2003.
  - Currently, 300 students in 7 sororities and 5 fraternities reside in Husky Village. Husky Village is currently unable to accommodate any more chapters.
Our newest NPC chapter in Fall 2012, Gamma Phi Beta, occupies a floor in Towers Residence Hall.
  
  However it can be difficult to fill housing since both Towers and Husky Village policies must be followed.

Plans are not yet in place to build additional houses in/near Husky Village.
  
  However, there is the option of the addition of more floors in residence halls for Greek organizations.
Discussion Questions
Is the Current System Able to Accommodate Women Wanting to Affiliate?

- From 2012 to 2013, more women were retained with fewer withdrawals.
- With the addition of Gamma Phi Beta in 2012, our Panhellenic community still experienced high numbers during Recruitment and more women were matched with bids which created even larger new member classes.
- The number of women joining has increased significantly and University enrollment is continually increasing with Next Generation CT.
- Our community has continued to grow which is exciting, but can our chapters support new member classes of 60+?
Is the Current System Able to Accommodate Women Wanting to Affiliate?

• Chapters are managing and educating new member classes in the 50s. Adding another chapter could allow our Panhellenic community to help manage new member classes sizes.

• If these trends continue, it could be challenging to manage increasing chapter sizes due to the campus resources and facilities. Functions in the house and booking rooms on campus can become more difficult with larger chapters.

• Has Total been adjusted to make current chapters larger to accommodate these women?

  Voted to raise Total this year from **123 to 148**
Are Chapter Sizes Manageable and Chapter Houses Full to Capacity?

- Currently, chapter sizes are manageable, but chapter unity, attendance, and communication within chapters becomes a concern with chapter sizes of almost 150 women.

- Yes, all 12 Husky Village houses are full to capacity and three floors in Towers are occupied (1 sorority & 2 fraternities).

- Adding another NPC chapter without housing could help our Panhellenic community especially for Gamma Phi Beta who is not in Husky Village. This will help even the playing field and help new groups to feel included. Not having a house will hopefully no longer be seen as a disadvantage.

  - Panhellenic will continue to find equitable spaces and transportation during Recruitment for any chapters without housing.
Are Chapter Sizes Manageable and Chapter Houses Full to Capacity?

• The best option would be to obtain more floors in residence halls, and a chapter could succeed with the support of the Panhellenic community. This will give chapters who may require housing more flexibility for alternative housing options.

• Accommodations for chapter functions
  – Hard to accommodate all chapter members for functions in the house, Initiation, and Recruitment
  – Important to assess resources and the campuses ability to accommodate large chapter sizes for chapter meetings and events
How will the addition of another NPC group enhance the College Panhellenic community?

• Energize the community
  – Exciting time on campus; IFC, IGC, and NPHC are all looking into expansion
  – Positively advertises for the whole Greek community to grow
  – Power in numbers; seeing our numbers grow reflects positively on Greek Life

• Change can help make us stronger and more dynamic
  – A new organization will bring new traditions and fresh ideas to our community
How will the addition of another NPC group enhance the College Panhellenic community?

• Make us more Panhellenic
  – Adds more variety and options to the Panhellenic community
  – Accommodates to a diverse group of women who want to affiliate
  – More even playing field for newer chapters to thrive
  – Unites the Panhellenic community together
  – Fosters a positive spirit between current and new organizations to help the new sorority flourish on campus

• Instill positive change for all of our chapters
• Challenges the process: reminds chapters to continue following their values and our community policies
How will Panhellenic continue to support our current chapters?

- Exploring what works well in other chapters on our campus and reaching out to other schools with a strong Panhellenic community
- More events before recruitment in an informal environment such as the BBQ and a greater push for PR
- For chapters who fall below Total, we have COB. Hold a Recruitment roundtable specific for COB. More administrative help for those groups who choose to COB and support of OFSL Staff.
- Transition meeting that is more structured for new chapter officers in the winter (in case chapters have to do informal Recruitment with an entirely new executive board).
- Giving them resources so they would know how to run COB with their chapters (maybe having a meeting with Presidents, Recruitment representatives, and Panhellenic exec - primarily VP of Recruitment)
If an organization is approved, how will Panhellenic support the needs of the new chapter?

- Hold Panhellenic roundtables for suggestions, ideas and advice from current chapters – especially for big events such as Philanthropy events, Homecoming, Greek Week, and Recruitment to help them get acquainted to Greek Life at UConn
  - Best practices from the current Panhellenic chapters
- Providing the option for chapters and auxiliary groups to mentor the new group (regarding Arête – different areas like academics and philanthropy)
  - FSPSB can hold informative meetings
- Being respectful and accommodating of their needs
  - Assist with helping them find rooms and spaces to use for chapter meetings, holding events, and Recruitment
If an organization is approved, how will Panhellenic support the needs of the new chapter?

• More PR – signs in the village, tabling, designing t-shirts
• BBQ or Week of Welcome to welcome the newest chapter
• Mentoring initiatives and having Panhellenic Exec Board open up their office hours as a time for questions, concerns, and informative sessions regarding the administration of the Panhellenic Council at UConn
• Providing contact information of all the chapters and other groups in the Panhellenic Community (including UNITE, GAMMA, etc.)
If Extension is Approved:
Proposed Timeline for 2013-14

December 2013 – Submit information to NPC Extension Chairman to be published in the NPC Extension Bulletin
January 13-17, 2014 – Exploratory visits
January 2014 – Extension Committee will begin meeting
January 31, 2014 – Deadline for interested NPC organizations to submit materials
February 2014 – Committee reviews materials and invites up to 3 groups to present
March 2014 – Presentations
April 2014 – Select 1 group to colonize in Fall 2014 (Post-Recruitment)
Next Steps

Discuss with your chapters, advisors, NPC Delegates and be prepared to vote November 20, 2013 on Panhellenic opening for Extension (Phi Sigma Rho will have a voice, but no vote)

Questions?

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