Statement on City-wide Chapters

As of January 1, 2013, the OFSL discontinued recognition of city-wide fraternity and sorority chapters. A city-wide chapter is defined as a collegiate chapter consisting of two or more colleges and/or universities where membership can be generated. Each city-wide chapter operates under one constitution/bylaws, one set of elected officers, one initiation, and is chartered and recognized by the organization’s inter/national headquarters.

Chapters previously chartered as a city-wide chapter, having active undergraduate members enrolled at UConn-Storrs, and were recognized by the OFSL as of December 31, 2012 are considered grandfathered. These organizations are exempt from being UConn-Storrs exclusive as long as the chapter continues to meet the minimum expectations and maintain the minimum standards established by the OFSL. Eligible organizations will receive a memorandum of understanding from the OFSL outlining the terms of their exemption.

If at any point, the organization no longer has any members enrolled at UConn-Storrs or is otherwise unregistered, the organization will be considered inactive and will have all university privileges, including recognition and the grandfathered privilege to operate as a city-wide chapter, revoked. Organizations wishing to return after the organization has gone inactive will only be permitted to return if the chapter is re-chartered by the inter/national organization as being exclusive to UConn-Storrs.

Relationship with Non-UConn Chapter Members

The OFSL acknowledges that there may be members of the city-wide chapter who will not be enrolled at UConn-Storrs. These members should be able to participate fully in the affairs of the chapter and are expected to assist the chapter in meeting all standards set by the OFSL and Student Activities. However, non-UConn-Storrs members will be prohibited from participating in certain university-sponsored activities as determined by the OFSL. Only students enrolled at UConn-Storrs can participate in the following:

- Arête Awards
- Emerging Leaders Conference
- Greek Leadership Retreat
- S.O.L.I.D. Training

Members not enrolled at UConn-Storrs can represent the organization at any event not specified by the OFSL as requiring representation from an enrolled UConn-Storrs student. Non-UConn member participation is limited to activities that are generally considered open (i.e., Presidents Forum, officer roundtables, council meetings, etc.) and do not require enrolled student status. Additionally, non-UConn members will not be eligible to serve as council or Greek auxiliary group officers or committee members, be admitted to honor and recognition societies chartered at UConn or receive university awards of recognition.