Greek Life at Georgia State University is vibrant and creates an exciting culture for campus life, and fraternity and sorority leaders and university administrators recognize the interest in expanding the GSU Greek community. In order to effectively manage this expansion, the Greek Life Expansion Committee sets forth the following guidelines for interested organizations.

I. Greek Life Expansion Committee

A) Purpose of the Greek Life Expansion Committee:
The Greek Life Expansion Committee is responsible for determining the readiness and need for expansion based on Greek Life trends (chapter size and health), University enrollment statistics, community needs, and the best interest of Georgia State University students.

B) Membership:
- President or representative from each Greek Governing Council (Interfraternity Council - IFC, National Panhellenic Conference – NPC, National Pan-Hellenic Council – NPHC, or the Multicultural Greek Council – MGC)
- Coordinator of Greek Life
- Student Organizations Advisor
- University staff member appointed by the Dean of Students

C) Definition of Expansion:
Expansion involves inviting and facilitating inter/national fraternities and sororities to establish chapters on Georgia State University’s campus. Expansion is encouraged when a need exists or an interest group requests to bring an additional social Greek organization to campus and the addition of an organization is recommended by the IFC, NPHC, MGC, or NPC.

D) Duties of the Greek Life Expansion Committee:
- Assist Governing Councils (IFC, NPHC, MGC and NPC) in determining if their council can support an additional Social Greek organization at the beginning of each calendar year
- Review expansion packet from interest group and forward to the respective Council
- Attend interest group’s presentation to respective Council
- Receive council recommendations about whether to accept or deny expansion to interest group
  - If approved by the governing council, submit recommendation to Senate Committee on Student Life and Development (SLDC) for approval to charter
  - If denied, serve as appellate body if interest group appeals the governing council’s original decision
- Review expansion policies annually or bi-annually
• Determine feasibility of University’s ability to support interest group (using campus trends/University trends data)

E) Greek Life Expansion Committee Standing Meetings:
The Expansion Committee shall meet at least once a month during the calendar year. Meetings shall be held at the beginning of each month or as needed.

II. Criteria for Expansion Consideration:

A) Interest as shown through a minimum of 8 prospective and current Georgia State University enrolled students.

B) The organization of interest is affiliated with a (inter)national organization and is a current member of one of the following umbrella organizations: National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), National Multicultural Greek Council, Inc. (NMGC), National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization (NALFO), National Asian Pacific Panhellenic Association (NAPA) or North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC).

C) If the organization of interest is not affiliated with the above named umbrella organizations, the organization of interest must have a national office supported by fulltime staff members (or a national board) and at least 10 established chapters in the country at four-year institutions.

D) The organization of interest prohibits simultaneous membership in any other organization that is a member of the NPC, NPHC, NALFO, NMGC, NAPA or NIC. o Current established chapter at GSU: Gamma Sigma Sigma is an exception to the rule above and shall be grandfathered in under the under the criteria for expansion consideration

III. Expansion Request Process for Interest Groups:

A) The Coordinator of Greek Life will determine an interest group’s eligibility for expansion based on the above criterion. If eligible, the interested students should submit a charter application and the Inter/National Headquarters should submit a letter of support to:

Georgia State University  
Office of the Dean of Students, ATTN: Greek Life  
P.O. Box 3973  
Atlanta, GA 30302-3973

Documentation to be submitted with Application to Charter:

• Organization’s national constitution and by-laws
• Names, Panther ID numbers and email addresses of the 8 or more interested students
• Name of potential faculty or staff advisor
• Academic policies for undergraduate chapters/interest groups
• Contact information of alumni within a 20 mile radius of Atlanta, Georgia
• Expectations of chapter advisors and an advisor training manual
• New member/associate education program

B) The Greek Life Expansion Committee will review requested documents and make recommendations for presentations to the respective Governing Council.

C) The Greek Life Expansion Committee will invite Inter/National organizations to make a presentation to the Greek Life Expansion Committee and the respective Governing Council.

The presentation should include the following information:
• Overview of the Inter/National organization to include purpose, organizational values/founding principles of the fraternity/sorority
• Copies of the Inter/National organizations constitution, by-laws, and other guiding documents
• Evidence that there is an Alumni support system in the Atlanta area (i.e. number of active Alumni (ae) members and/or Alumni (ae) chapters in the Atlanta area)
• Description of the organization’s colonization/chartering process
• Explanation of the leadership development opportunities for members
• Written description of the organization’s potential impact to GSU and the Greek community
• Plans for sustainability in the Five –Star programmatic areas

D) The respective governing council will submit recommendations for expansion to the Greek Life Expansion Committee based on voting approval of their general body as outlined in their respective constitutions and by-laws.
   a) If the general body approves the request to charter, the Greek Life Expansion Committee will automatically submit the interest group’s charter for approval to the SLDC.
   b) If the general body denies the request to charter, the Greek Life Expansion Committee will serve as the appellate body if the interest group appeals the governing council’s original decision.
      i. Appeals must be filed with the Greek Life Expansion Committee within 10 (ten) working days.
      ii. The Greek Life Expansion Committee may request a meeting with representatives of the interest group.
      iii. Decisions of the Greek Life Expansion Committee will be rendered within 30 (thirty) calendar days and is considered final. If the request to charter is denied, a letter will be issued to the inter/national organization outlining the reason(s) for denial. The organization may re-submit a petition to charter one calendar year from the date of the letter.

E) The Coordinator of Greek Life will notify the national organization of their status within 30 days following the presentation.
The University will provide the following to the inter/national organization of interested groups:

• University enrollment statistics
• Fraternity and sorority membership statistics and academic report
• Greek Life Five-Star Chapter Excellence Program
• Constitution and by-laws of the respective Greek Governing Council
• Recruitment publications and information
• Campus involvement resources for student organizations
• Chartered Student Organization policies and procedures
• Student Code of Conduct

Requirements for obtaining University recognition:

• Meet criteria and complete requirements/application for establishing a new group
• Make presentation to the respective council and Greek Life Expansion Committee
• Approval by the respective governing council
• Approval by the SLDC

Requirements for maintaining colony/interest group status:

• An invitation extended to an inter/national organization shall become null and void if the organization cannot establish a colony/chapter within two years of the date the invitation is granted or if the colony/chapter fails to maintain requirements for establishing a colony/interest group as set forth in this document.
• Compliance with the policies and procedures concerning fraternities and sororities set forth by the University and respective Greek Governing Council and the Inter/National organization's policies relative to maintaining colony status.
• Compliance with university policies and procedures and the Student Code of Conduct.
• Maintenance of at least 8 members at all times.
• Participation in the respective Greek Governing Council (NPC, NPHC, IFC, MGC) as a non-voting member until a charter is granted from the Inter/National organization.
• Submission of the following reports and rosters to the Coordinator of Greek Life within the first week of each semester: membership roster, officer reports, financial report, chapter development plan, scholarship program, new member/associate education program, and alumni involvement.
• An Inter/National organization may be an approved colony/interest group for no less than one calendar year and no more than two years.
  o If the colony/interest group does not achieve recognition from its Inter/National organization within two years, the Coordinator of Greek Life will contact the Inter/National organization to determine a plan of action and timeline for completing the charter process.

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