Georgia College & State University

Greek Expansion Policy

Greek Life at Georgia College & State University (GC) embraces the expansion policies set forth by the national umbrella governing organizations (e.g., NIC, NPC, and NPHC) and will only consider expansion with inter/nationally affiliated organizations. The purpose of these policies is to ensure that extension/expansion occurs in a carefully developed way that is conducive to the educational mission of GC.

Expansion may occur in three ways:

1. Through a formal extension/expansion plan approved by the appropriate governing body,
2. Through the petition of a group of interested students, or
3. Through the petition of a new or returning inter/nationally affiliated organization.

Formal Extension/Expansion Plan

Formal extension/expansion plans shall follow the guidelines set forth by the national umbrella governing organization.

Petition by a Group of Interested Students

1. Individual students interested in starting a Greek organization must contact the GC Department of Campus Life to gain approval by the Director of Campus Life to explore the opportunity for a new Greek organization to be established on campus.
2. Once a student group has been approved to explore the opportunity to start an organization, those students must contact the national organization to determine the national organization’s interest in expansion on the GC campus.
3. The student group shall make no formal agreement with an inter/national organization without prior consultation with the Director of Campus Life.
4. The group must ensure that they meet the recognition requirements set forth by the Department of Campus Life for all student organizations. These requirements are as follows:
   1. Membership equal to at least 50 percent of the average membership of the council that the organization plans to join,
   2. Each member must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher,
   3. All members must be enrolled as full-time students of GC, and
   4. All members must be in good academic and judicial standing with the University.
5. The group must obtain and work with an on-campus advisor and an alumni member of the organization to help facilitate the colonization process. These advisors must make contact with the Director of Campus Life to their acceptance of this responsibility.
6. The inter/national organization must provide the Office of Greek Life with the following information prior to beginning the colonization process:
   1. An outline of the organizational history and current administrative structure for the organization,
   2. National policies and programs related to academic success and scholarship,
   3. Requirements and expectations for membership,
   4. New member guidelines and programs,
   5. Anti-hazing policies,
   6. All other risk management policies,
   7. Provision of national, regional, and local alumni support for the provisional group,
   8. Information related to the colonization and chartering process, and
   9. Information concerning the organization’s national philanthropy or other philanthropy interests.
7. The organization must become a member of one of the governing bodies on campus (e.g., IFC, NPHC, CPH, etc.). If enough organizations holding membership in other national umbrella governing organizations are recognized at any point in the future, other governing bodies may be formed to meet the need of those groups.
8. If a group of interested students meets all requirements required to start a new Greek organization, the discretion still lies with administration of the university to decide if there is a need for a new Greek Organization on campus.
9. If a group is denied, they may reapply to become a new Greek organization one calendar year after the date applied unless otherwise notified by the University.

New or Returning Group

1. The inter/national organization must initiate formal contact with the Department of Campus Life.
2. The inter/national organization should make formal contact with the governing organization (e.g., IFC, CPH, NPHC, etc.), which they intend to join.
3. The group must ensure that they meet the recognition requirements set forth by the Department of Student Life for all student organizations. These requirements are as follows:
   1. Membership equal to at least 50 percent of the average membership of the council that that the organization will join,
   2. Each member must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher,
   3. All members must be enrolled as full-time students of GC, and
   4. All members must be in good academic and judicial standing with the University.
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5. The organization must become a member of one of the governing bodies on campus (e.g., IFC, NPHC, or CPH). If enough organizations holding membership in other national umbrella governing organizations are recognized at any point in the future, other governing bodies may be formed to meet the needs of those groups.
6. The organization must register as an RSO.