

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS



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POLICY

From time-to-time Thompson Rivers University authorizes the establishment and functioning of sororities and fraternities (“Greek Organizations”), on the University’s campus. Greek Organizations recruit and train new members, provide networking opportunities, engage in philanthropic activities, host events, and create a sense of belonging.

Given that Greek Organizations do not qualify as a student club, this policy sets out the framework under which a Greek Organizations may be authorized to be present on, and operate at, the University. This policy ensures that Greek Organizations fall under the purview of a department and sets regulations.

Greek Organizations that do not comply with this policy and its regulations are not authorized to be present on, or operate at, the University.

In order to be authorized to be present on, or operate at, the University, a Greek Organization must have entered into an authorization agreement with the University authorizing the Greek Organization to be present on, and operate at, the University (an “Authorization Agreement”).

REGULATIONS

I. AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

1. Application

Greek Organizations wishing to be present on, or operate at, the University must apply to the Associate Vice-President Students and Dean, Faculty of Student Development (or designate) to enter an Authorization Agreement.

2. Minimum Qualifications Required of Greek Organization

The University will only consider entering into Authorization Agreements with Greek Organizations that have affiliations with recognized national or

international sororities or fraternities as determined by the Associate Vice-President Students and Dean, Faculty of Student Development (or designate), in their discretion.

For avoidance of doubt, nothing in this policy or its regulations requires the University to enter into an Authorization Agreement with any particular Greek Organization, the agreement may be temporary or ongoing.

3. Contents of Authorization Agreement

An Authorization Agreement, entered into between the University and the Greek Organization, authorizes the Greek Organization to be present on, and operate at, the University subject the terms and conditions set out therein and to the Greek Organization's ongoing compliance with the terms of the Authorization Agreement. Any Authorization Agreement will include, terms to address the following:

- a. the requirement that the Greek Organization join the University's Greek Council (as described below) and comply with its bylaws, code of conduct and decisions;
- b. that the Authorization Agreement may be terminated by the University immediately and without notice where the Greek Organization is in breach of any term of the Authorization Agreement, or in any event at any time on the University providing the Greek Organization with 6 months written notice; and
- c. such other terms and conditions the University may determine, at its discretion.

II. GREEK COUNCIL

1. Membership

The University will have a Greek Council consisting of the following members:

- AVP Students (or designate) (Advisor to Greek Council);
- Two faculty or administrators appointed by the AVP Students (or designate);
- 2 members from each Greek Organization appointed by the respective Greek Organization
- Two staff members appointed by the AVP Students (or designate)

2. Responsibilities

The Greek Council will oversee all matters related to Greek Organizations at the University and will have responsibilities including:

- a. making recommendations to the Associate Vice-President Students and Dean, Faculty of Student Development (or designate) with regard to actions that the University should take respecting one or more Greek Organizations;

- b. considering applications by new Greek Organizations and making a recommendation to the Associate Vice-President Students and Dean, Faculty of Student Development (or designate) with regard to whether the University should enter an Authorization Agreement with the applying Greek Organization;
- c. making recommendations to the Associate Vice-President Students and Dean, Faculty of Student Development (or designate) with regard to a code of conduct for Greek Organizations to follow at the University;
- d. Making recommendations for disciplinary actions for Greek Organizations including placing Greek Organizations that have contravened applicable standards on probation;
- e. liaising with the University community on behalf of Greek Organizations;
- f. coordinating activities/events, including those though Campus Life;
- g. setting rules and guidelines that Greek Organizations must abide by in connection with any activities or events organized by a Greek Organization;
- h. establishing bylaws for the Greek Council including determining the term of office for the various Greek Council members;
- i. ensuring that liaisons with other TRU related leader groups are maintained.

III. LIABILITY

Neither the University nor the Greek Council assumes any responsibility for any act or omission of any Greek Organization which Greek Organization remains solely responsible for their acts or omissions.