Lake Forest College Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion Process

Interested in starting a chapter?

Current Students
Students wishing to (re)colonize a chapter of an inter/national men’s or women’s fraternity or sorority should write a letter of intent highlighting the specific group they wish to bring to Lake Forest College; the inter/national organization’s website address; any local alumni/ae with who they have made contact; and the names of at least five current Lake Forest College students who are interested in being a part of the organization. One student should be identified as the main contact person regarding the recognition of the organization. All interested students must meet Fraternity/Sorority standards for Initiation and be eligible and plan to return to Lake Forest College the following year. Additionally, the letter should explain how this organization will benefit the Lake Forest College community, specifically the Fraternity/Sorority community, and why Lake Forest College is ready for expansion to this particular group. This letter should be directed to the Gates Center for Leadership and Personal Growth, marked for special attention by the Assistant Director of the Gates Center.

Inter/national Organizations
Inter/national organizations wishing to colonize at Lake Forest College must first contact the Assistant Director of the Gates Center with a letter of intent on official organization letterhead. The letter should include the inter/national organization’s website address and names and contact information for local alumni/ae who are supportive of starting a chapter at Lake Forest College. Additionally, this letter should explain how this organization will benefit the Lake Forest College community, specifically the Fraternity/Sorority community, and why the organization is interested in starting a chapter at Lake Forest College.

All groups seeking recognition as Greek letter organizations at Lake Forest College must:
- have the ability to acquire or currently possess an active $1 million dollar liability insurance policy
- agree to abide by all Lake Forest College policies and procedures
- be, or aim to be, an affiliate chapter of an inter/national organization, which holds membership in a national Greek governance council or has ten or more chapters in North America.
Determination of campus need for growth

Periodically, the campus extension/expansion committee should convene to review statistics with regard to growth of total campus enrollment and fraternity/sorority membership to determine if there is a need for an additional fraternity or sorority, even if specific interest in growth has not been expressed by current students or inter/national organizations. Membership of the committee includes but is not limited to: the chapter president or representative from each recognized Greek letter organization, president of the College’s Panhellenic Association, president of the College’s Interfraternity Council, and an at large member selected to represent the campus interest in fraternity/sorority growth. The campus fraternity/sorority advisor chairs the committee.

If the campus extension/expansion committee determines a need for the addition of a fraternity or sorority, a formal recommendation will be made to the College Panhellenic Association or Interfraternity Council respectively to consider for formal vote. Following an affirmative vote, officially opening the campus for Panhellenic extension or fraternity expansion, the committee will work to:
- determine specific timeline for selection process
- determine desired timeline for colonization process
- promote the opportunity for extension/expansion to eligible groups
- receive and review written intent packets from interested groups
- extend formal invitations for on campus presentations
- solicit campus feedback from campus partners regarding on campus presentations
- make a formal recommendation to respective council regarding selection of new group