

Lake Forest College Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion Process

Interested in starting a chapter?

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 whom 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.

Inter/national organizations wishing to colonize at Lake Forest College must first contact the Program 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 a \$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. 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

On Campus Presentation

Groups invited to visit Lake Forest College for an on campus presentation should consider sharing the following information when preparing their presentation:

- overview of the inter/national organization- purpose and values, advisor training, membership education program and philosophy, new officer training information
- copies of the inter/national organization's constitution, bylaws, and other governing documents
- strength of alumni/ae organizations and local advisors in the Lake Forest/North Shore area
- the colonization process
- number of chapters lost in the past calendar year (regionally and nationally)
- number of colonies starting at time of projected Lake Forest College colonization
- financial stability of inter/national organization
- financial support for Lake Forest College colony
- leadership development opportunities for members
- what this organization will contribute to Lake Forest College
- long term plans for sustainability and membership development