Delta Upsilon chapter suspended for 'inappropriate behavior'

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Delta Upsilon International has suspended its MIT chapter until spring 2016, according to MIT, which has also withdrawn recognition of the fraternity's chapter as an independent living group.

The suspension, effective immediately, follows "an investigation into allegations of inappropriate behavior during unsanctioned events over IAP," according to the press release from MIT's Division of Student Life.

Neither DSL nor DU International could be reached immediately for more details about the investigation. *The Tech* has also asked the president of the Technology Chapter for comment.

"We support DU International's decision, and are disappointed in the choices and circumstances that led to the suspension of Technology Chapter," Chris Colombo, the dean for student life, said in a statement. "If DU International seeks to recolonize after the suspension, we would be open to supporting their efforts provided they meet certain conditions."

Any such reconstitution of the chapter must exclude current members, according to the press release. Current members, including freshmen, are now officially alumni of the fraternity, but they are prohibited from hosting events or doing business as Delta Upsilon.

MIT has also revoked the rights of the chapter as a student group to reserve rooms on campus or register events.

Colombo said that MIT Housing would help the students transition, whether they were looking for housing on or off campus. DU's alumni corporation will meet with MIT to determine what to do with the chapter's house.

In 2008, Robert M. Wells '08 died after falling five stories from a window of the house. There is no indication that the incident is related to the chapter's suspension.

"MIT takes great pride in our FSILG community, the time-honored tradition of education outside the classroom, and the value that fraternity membership and independent living affords students," Colombo said. "Hopefully Delta Upsilon will return to campus after the suspension as a productive and positive member of the MIT community."