



Vice President for Student Affairs

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To: Fraternity and Sorority Chapters
Fraternity and Sorority Advisors

From: Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, Vice President for Student Affairs

RE: Fraternity and Sorority Social Restriction at UNM

The University of New Mexico's Greek Life community has long been committed to developing a culture of student leadership, academic success, service and philanthropy. As a means of continuing these valued attributes, while addressing some recent concerns, I am restricting social activities of UNM's fraternities and sororities through February 19th, 2018. During this period, UNM and our chapters will be evaluating and strengthening applicable policies and procedures to ensure that these organizations sustain their 100+ years of valuable contributions and accomplishments on our campus. Fraternities and sororities will continue to be able to coordinate community service and philanthropic projects, conduct chapter business, recruit/intake new members and participate in activities on campus, including Greek Week. These functions must comply with the established approval process of the Student Activities Center Greek Life Office.

The social restriction means chapters may not hold any events, on or off campus, that are open to anyone besides members listed on their own chapter's roster filed with the Student Activities Center Greek Life Office. All activities and recruitment events must be alcohol free and each will be evaluated for its proposed outcomes before it is approved. Self-governance, bystander intervention and member accountability should be at the heart of all Greek organizations, and must be a focal point of introspection during this pause. When these expectations are not met, UNM will continue to adjudicate chapters and individuals as appropriate, and require persons responsible for unacceptable behavior to account for their actions.

With the improvements of the policies and procedures, both at the University and chapter level, our goal is to continue to support a thriving and successful Greek community at The University of New Mexico. The Student Activities Center Greek Life Office will require your participation in several parts of this process. Your cooperation and contributions during this period are vital to ensure our Greek community remains a positive opportunity and experience for enhanced learning, student involvement and lifelong friendship.

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