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Dear Greek Life Community,

The mission of the Office of Greek Life is to promote an atmosphere where chapters and individuals can excel in leadership, scholarship, service and philanthropy, and personal growth. In support of the University and Student Affairs Mission Statements, we are committed to Murray State students in the fulfillment of the following core values:

- **Leadership** - to maximize the potential of members while providing opportunities for growth, self-governance, and peer education.
- **Scholarship** - to promote intellectual growth and academic excellence through scholastic recognition and educational programs.
- **Service and Philanthropy** - to demonstrate a concern for mankind through service and philanthropic outreach.
- **Social Advancement** - to develop meaningful relationships through a wide range of activities that brings together our members and develops personal and professional skills.

Based on national trends and our own review of reports involving Greek activities occurring with the implementation and enforcement of the Greek Social Event policy, the decision has been made to indefinitely suspend all social activities within the Greek Life community. In order for us to promote and execute our core values, we must assess our policies and procedures.

A University committee will conduct a thorough investigation of current policies and procedures governing Greek activities to provide a safe environment for all. The committee, consisting of representatives from the University and Greek community, will begin their work during the summer and continue until a thorough review occurs and appropriate recommendations and procedures are submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.

Until a thorough review is completed, the Greek Social Event policy will be indefinitely suspended and no social events will occur. The review may extend into the fall semester of 2018. All Greek organizations are reminded that, consistent with the Greek Life policy, no social events are to occur during the summer.

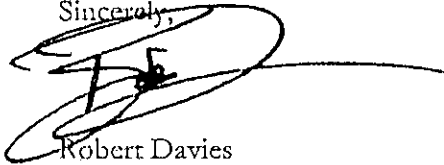
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This suspension is effective immediately. Those who are found in violation of this document will be placed on immediate cease-and-desist of all other chapter operations. A copy of this notice will be provided to all chapters' national headquarters.

Please remember that this suspension is not intended as a punishment, but rather a time for you to focus on philanthropic initiatives, membership education and the principles and values in which your organizations were founded. Please contact Kim Newbern, Coordinator of Greek Life and Leadership Programs, if you have any questions or need assistance during this evaluation period.

Sincerely,



Robert Davies
President



Don E. Robertson
Vice President for Student Affairs

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- Kimberly Newbern, Coordinator of Greek Life and Student Leadership Programs
- Chapter Advisor
- Faculty Advisor
- National Headquarters

Memo

To: Greek Presidents and Advisors
From: Don E. Robertson
Date: August 23, 2018
Re: Greek Social Event Policy

Thank you for your attendance and feedback on Monday night concerning the recommendations of the Greek Social Event Committee. I feel it was a good discussion and helpful in explaining the purpose and rationale of each of the recommendations. I appreciate the commitment and dedication each of you have for the success of our Greek community.

As I indicated at the meeting, we need to move forward and make a decision regarding the recommendations presented by the committee so that the social ban can be lifted. In this regard, the decision has been made to accept the recommendations with the following exception:

Brotherhood/Sisterhood events that involve only chapter members and no other visitors at their chapter house/suite shall **not** be considered a social event covered by the Greek Social Event Policy.

The revised Social Event policy can be found on the Greek webpage www.murraystate.edu/greeklife.

There will be a meeting on Monday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ohio Room of the Curris Center to discuss the procedures and implementation of the revised Social Event policy. This will allow chapters to begin planning activities. Due to space limitations, chapter presidents and one advisor are invited to attend the meeting.

I will meet with the press on Friday, August 24, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the recommendations that were presented by the committee and the lifting of the ban on Greek social events. I will also provide them a one-page handout and you will be provided a copy. I wanted to notify you in advance of the press meeting and the lifting of the social ban to keep you informed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. This was a time-consuming, complicated process and the committee did a very thorough and comprehensive job. We now need to move forward with the implementation of these new guidelines that will strengthen and enhance our Greek community.

There will be an annual evaluation of the revised policy. I will ask the committee to meet again at the end of the spring 2019 semester for the first official review of the policy and recommend adjustments as needed.

Once again, thank you for your leadership and commitment to our Greek community at Murray State University. Your support moving forward is critical and appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

C Dr. Robert Jackson, Interim President
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