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IFC and Panhellenic Councils Impose a Ban of All Fraternity and Sorority Events

Pullman, WA:

To WSU Students, Administration, Faculty, Family and Friends:

November 7th 2016 – Throughout our tenure, the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council at Washington State University have noticed there has been a growing problem in regards to alcohol-related incidents in the Greek Community this semester. Due to this, both councils convened on November 2nd and November 3rd to discuss possible solutions to this problem. Following these meetings, it was unanimously decided to implement a moratorium, banning all social events hosted by fraternities and sororities on campus, regardless of the presence of alcohol. This moratorium will be in effect as of November 7th 2016 at 5pm Pacific Standard Time.

Throughout this fall semester, there has been a concerning rise in the number of assaults, rapes, falls and hospitalizations due to the overuse of alcohol and/or drugs by Greek members in the community. The reoccurrence of these incidents have been associated with the irresponsibility of alcohol and drug consumption by persons in our chapters. It is necessary to understand that although incidents like these may hurt the image of an individual chapter, they also greatly degrade the perception and credibility of Greek Life at Washington State University. With the current negative reputation our community possesses, it is needless to say that the future of Greek Life at this institution is in jeopardy.

When weighing out the options to better prevent these incidents from occurring, it is imperative to place a moratorium banning fraternity and sorority social events for the rest of this semester. By refraining from social events, individual members of each chapter can refocus their priorities on bettering the ideals in which their respective chapters were founded on. The result of this will be a conjoined community that seeks to better current members and recruit potential new members who desire to be positive influences not only at this university but also in the future as citizens. The quote, "Cougs Helping Cougs" has not been pertinent in the actions of the Greek Community. With this moratorium in place, it is now the time for all Greek members to take this to heart and express it in their actions not only for the rest of this semester but for years to come.

The moratorium implemented on all IFC fraternity and Panhellenic sorority chapters at Washington State University is not to be viewed as a punishment, but rather a process to rebrand and collaborate with all chapters on campus for the restoration of the Greek Community. If the instance arises in which a chapter violates the moratorium, the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council will move to revoke the chapter's recognition on campus. The following rules will be in place during the moratorium and are to be abided by each individual chapter and each individual in the Greek Community:

1. There will be no social events containing alcohol. This includes formals, pre functions, football tailgates, open parties, 21 runs, exchanges, date dashes, O2Cs or any event that the council would be able to prove happened by the "preponderance of the evidence" standard.
2. No members may attend events hosted by unrecognized chapters.
3. Chapters must abide by all IFC/Panhellenic Bylaws.
4. Delegates of each chapter will help the councils to conduct a full IFC/Panhellenic bylaw review.
5. Chapter delegates will work with both councils and university officials/organizations to help create a comprehensive point-by-point action plan to create awareness surrounding the following:
 - a. Sexual Assault
 - b. Abuse of alcohol
 - c. Abuse of illegal and prescription drugs
 - d. Falls
 - e. Mental health

Following the moratorium, in the spring semester of 2017, all chapters will be exonerated from the moratorium and will be expected to complete a comprehensive checklist. The checklist will be provided at the start of the 2017 Spring semester and will be created through collaboration with the 2016 and 2017 Interfraternity/Panhellenic Councils, chapter delegates and university officials. As stated prior, the motive of this enactment is to encourage all chapters to reconsider the true meaning of being a Greek member and to work together to have a sustainable community in which standards are held high.

Both councils plan to work with each individual chapter and the Greek Community as a whole to formulate a plan to address the situation through new policies, educational efforts and stronger enforcement of policies. Both the Interfraternity and the Panhellenic Councils main purpose in implementing this moratorium is to repurpose a positive future for the community in which scholarship, community service and self-accountability are the cornerstone of Greek Life at Washington State University. Please contact the Interfraternity Council President, Nathan Harris, Panhellenic Council President, Ashlee Phillips, IFC Director of Public Relations, Nicolas Swaab or the Panhellenic VP of Public Relations, Nicole Nguyen with any questions you may have in regards to this situation. Their emails are listed below:

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Below are the signatures of each individual member of the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council approving the moratorium to be enacted on this day, November 7th 2016:

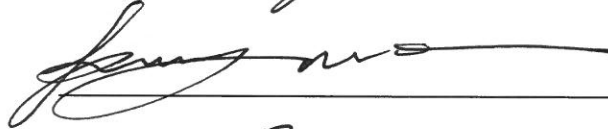
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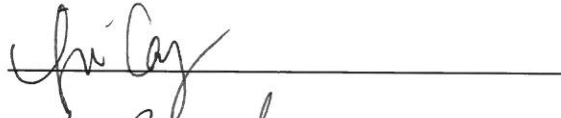


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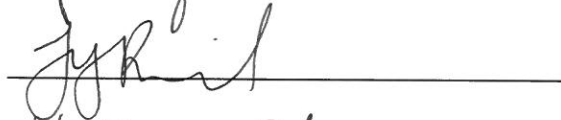
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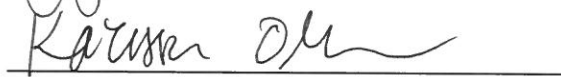
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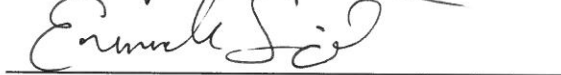
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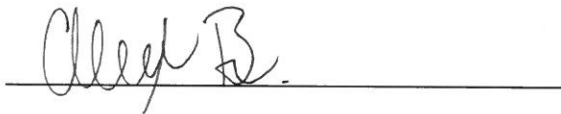
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