

Greek Council Bylaws

The University of Central Florida

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Bylaw I: Establishment and Authority of the Greek Council Bylaws

The Greek Council at the University of Central Florida in collaboration with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life hereby authorize on this 11th day of April 2018 these bylaws to assist in the governing of the Greek Council and its subsidiary organizations.

Bylaw II: Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed and sponsored by any Presidents Council member or Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff member. The proposal should also be co-sponsored by any other member of the Greek Community. Proposals must be admitted to the Greek Council President and will be presented at the next duly called Presidents Council Meeting.

If a proposal is voted in affirmation at the Presidents Council Meeting it will be handed off to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for final confirmation. If a proposal is voted in the negative, it will be returned to the sponsors with notes for revisions. If a reintroduced proposal is brought to the Presidents Council, and voted in the negative, the proposal will be handed off to the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life for consideration.

If a proposal that was denied by the Presidents Council is sponsored by the Director of Fraternity Life, the Greek Council President and the Director will go into final deliberation to determine an optimal compromise.

Following the Approval of a proposal, or the compromise of a proposal between the Director and Greek Council President, the proposal will be adopted and presented to the community at the next All Presidents Meeting.

Bylaw III: Records of the Greek Council

The current records of the Council shall be housed in the permanent office space supplied in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. The non-current records of the Council shall be filed by the Vice President of Administration in a safe storage area as designated by the Greek Council President. A bound copy of the Minutes of the Council shall be furnished by the Vice President of Administration at the end of each semester to the Greek Council President.

Bylaw IV: General Guidelines

The Greek Council may, when determined necessary, adopt guidelines for its work. Such guidelines must be visible in the governing documents or meeting minutes. The Greek Council President in tandem with the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life may pass minor changes to the constitution or bylaws, that deal with changes to University Policy, Local or National Law, verbiage, or fine amounts.

Bylaw V: Establishment and Authority of the Alcohol Event Guidelines

This hereby establishes the Alcohol Event Guidelines as a governing Document of the Greek Council and its subsidiary organizations. The most up to date version of the Alcohol Event Guidelines may be found with the Greek Council President. A copy of the document may be requested through greekcouncil@ucf.edu or at the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Bylaw VI: Establishment and Authority of the Tailgating Guidelines

This hereby establishes the following as the Tailgating guidelines of the Greek Community:

1. **“No tent zones”** - Safety lanes will be created using spray paint to delineate travel lanes for fire/rescue and police response. No tents will be set up in these areas (map to be created).
2. **Water cooler** – Provide a water cooler, similar to those used at Memory Mall, so that tailgaters can stay hydrated without resorting to alcohol consumption.
3. **Observation Tower** – Like last season, the tower will be used to provide a visible platform to deter poor behavior.
4. **Officer check-in** – Officers will set up on Lake Claire two hours before tailgating, instead on one hour. This will ensure that the site is set up properly and that the rules are being followed.
5. **Fire/rescue turnaround lane in parking lot** – Cone off the last 3 spots in the parking lot near the generator, so that the FD can easily turn around and depart.
6. **Sober Point of Contact (SPOC)** – Each organization should have a designated sober point of contact during the entire tailgating time period. The SPOC for each organization will wear an armband to make them easily identifiable for UCFPD and other university personnel. The armband may be passed to another person, but should always be present at Lake Claire and be a person who is not, and has not been drinking.
7. **Tent check-in** – A tent check-in will be set up near the entrance to Lake Claire. The check-in table will be staffed by UCFPD for 2 hours while check-in takes

place. Each tent will be given a laminated number to hang on their respective tent.

8. **Speakers/Volume** – Each organization may have their own set of speakers however, if it is determined that the organization is too loud, they will be asked to turn down the volume. If an organization is repeatedly asked to turn down their volume, they may be asked to turn off their volume completely.
9. **Lake Claire shut down/capacity issues** – Once the capacity of Lake Claire is reached, law enforcement will stop allowing additional people to enter.
10. **Trash pickup** – Each group will be responsible for picking up their trash throughout the day. At the end of tailgating, each group's representative will meet with a member of FSL, who will sign off on a clean site, and collect the rep's lanyard.
11. **Message Board/Social Media** – These changes in protocol will be communicated to the FSL community via social media, meetings with leadership and a message board.

Bylaw VII: Establishment and Authority of the New Member Presentation Guidelines

This hereby establishes the following as the New Member Presentation guidelines of the Greek Community:

1. Presentation of new members must take place no more than 30 Calendars day after the members have been initiated into the organizations, or prior to "Study Day(s)", whichever comes first, unless approved in writing by the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
2. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life must be notified of the date, time, and location of the "show" no less than 15 business days prior to the date of the New Member Presentation (accompanied by the SAFE approval form). A serf form should follow no more than 10 days after the safe form.
3. New member presentations are not to be scheduled on the same evening/time of a previously planned event of another chapter of the same council.
4. No explicit or revealing attire is to be worn by the new members or other "show" participants.
5. No excessive use of profanity.
6. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted. This includes by visiting chapters, alumni and/or graduate members.
7. No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, spitting, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. (Canes, staffs, sticks, etc. may be used as a part of the performance but may not be used as a weapon to harm another individual)

8. In the event of an altercation during the presentation, then those fighting will be disciplined immediately. If a member of the presenting organization is involved, the presentation show will be stopped immediately. (See Violations section for further details)
9. No references to hazing and/or other illegal activities.
10. Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: walking through the presenters' show, talking over the presenting organization, etc.
11. If a new member decides that they cannot, or decides not to participate in the show, a written and signed letter by the new member must be submitted to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life no more than 72 hours before the show explaining why they cannot, or have decided not to participate.
12. The New member Presentation MUST start within 30 minutes of scheduled time advertised. Advertised time should be reflective as the same time noted on the safe and serf forms. Following the show, members of the presenting organization must vacate the area within 30 minutes. (this will assist with crowd disbursement) The organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.
13. No Bricks, bats, and/or paddles will be allowed at any new member presentations.
14. It is the chapter responsibility to notify visiting and alumni members of all UCF New Member Presentation rules. (Golden Rule)
15. If a New Member Presentation does not occur, new members must be presented in some formal way (reception, tweet, email, flyer, Instagram, etc.) acknowledging all new members.
16. Violations of the new member presentation guidelines will result in fines per event as follows:
 - a. A single violation in an event is \$175
 - b. A second violation in an event is an additional \$50
 - c. A third violation in an event is an additional \$50
 - d. A fourth violation will result in an additional penalty of no social programming for a semester.

Bylaw VIII: SERF Form Submission and Late Fees

The Social Event Registration Form (SERF) is required to be submitted for all fraternity and sorority events that involve or may be perceived as a gathering of members. The point of the SERF is to keep faculty, staff, and the Greek Council informed.

SERF's are due five business days in advance or will be subject to a late fine. Failure to submit a form at all will result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct for review.

All printed materials publicizing a social event must be included with the SERF submission. The submission of a late and/or incomplete form will result in an appropriate fine and/or penalty as follows:

1. First Offense – \$50
2. Second Time – \$100
3. Third Time – \$150
4. Fourth Time – Loss of programs for a semester

Bylaw IX: Required Events

Events that are deemed as required by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or the Greek Council that have more than one month notice are considered mandatory for members of each organization to attend, unless express permission is given before the event. If a required event is not attended by the designated personnel then the following fine and penalties may be assigned:

1. First Offense – up to \$50 and a signed calendar recognizing all upcoming required events.
2. Second Offense – up to \$75 and a presentation for your council and chapter on the subject of the missed event.
3. Third Offense – Loss of programming for a semester.

Bylaw X: Greek Leadership Conference Attendance

The Greek Leadership Conference is an annual event that is hosted by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and sponsored by the Greek Council. The event requires two members each of Greek Council's subsidiary organizations as designated by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Failure to send a qualified representative will result in a \$150 fine per member who did not attend. This fine is at the discretion of the Office Director and the Greek Council President. Exemptions may be made in extreme circumstances as decided by the Office Director and Greek Council President.

Bylaw XI: Calendar Year Elections

The Greek Community at the University of Central Florida shall have their formal election for all positions within their organization at the end of the Fall Semester each year to serve their terms on a Calendar Year Basis (i.e. January – November term). Exceptions can be made based on approval of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Appendix A: History of this Document

This Document was established on April 11, 2018.

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