Gettysburg College Statement on Unrecognized Organizations

Gettysburg’s fraternities and sororities must be affiliated with a national or international organization in order to operate as a recognized fraternity or sorority at Gettysburg College. Participation in student groups which are not recognized by these partner organizations or have had their recognition suspended or revoked by the College is prohibited.

Unrecognized (or “underground”) groups do not receive support, oversight, or advisement from the Office of Student Activities & Greek Life or other Gettysburg College department. Additionally, since these groups lack national affiliation, they may not have liability insurance or oversight policies for risk management, hazing, or sexual harassment, placing members at increased risk for individual liability, personal harm, and involvement in dangerous situations.

Students found to be affiliated with unrecognized groups will be held in violation of the Gettysburg College Code of Conduct, Article III Section 2T, which may result in sanctions up to and including suspension from the College. Organizations will also be charged when an individual is charged with unauthorized fraternity or sorority membership, and unrecognized organizations found to be operating (including participation in recruitment, new member activities, pledging, joining, or living in a house or apartment run by or on behalf of an unrecognized group) will face an extension of current sanctions.

Benefits of Joining a Recognized Organization

- Interaction with the other members of the Gettysburg College Greek community, consisting of approximately 1,000 students and 15 college recognized chapters
- Use of college facilities and resources for meetings and events
- Programming and leadership development training and materials from the Office of Student Activities & Greek Life
- Involvement in Gettysburg College Greek Awards, chapter evaluation and new member programs, Order of Omega, and leadership retreats
- Involvement in the Interfraternity Council (IFC), College Panhellenic Association (CPA), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- Support from the Office of Student Activities & Greek Life staff

If you have questions about an unrecognized group, contact the Office of Student Activities & Greek Life.