Protocol for Chapters Falling Below Accreditation

All recognized colonies as determined ready by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and all recognized Fraternity and Sorority Life chapters must meet a minimum of 80% of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Performance and Excellence program. By meeting the standards of FSL at the University of New Hampshire the chapter/colony will be a fully recognized organization at the University. If an organization fails to meet accreditation below is the protocol.

First Year Below Accreditation – No Conduct Violations/Disciplinary Probation

A chapter falling below accreditation for the first time must prepare a formal presentation for the Student Life team identifying strategies to improve its standing in the coming calendar year. At least 25% of the chapter must attend this presentation. The organization will remain a recognized student organization but must schedule this presentation with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life within one month of receiving the final standings. This is to ensure that after the presentation there is enough time to support the organization with its recommended strategies for improvement in the next cycle of the program. Additionally, the Student Life team will provide each chapter falling below accreditation with a course of action to remedy its standing. This course of action will require chapters to create an action plan for pillar levels of operation below accreditation, or to submit addition materials that would allow a chapter to document it a level of operation at accreditation. Chapters failing to respond to the course of action deadlines will immediately put their UNH recognition in jeopardy. Also, the Student Life team will identify resources available to the chapter to assist in the improvement of pillars below accreditation.

Second Consecutive Year Below Accreditation or Third Time Below Accreditation in Five Years or First Year for a Chapter with Conduct Violations/Disciplinary Probation

If a chapter: 1) falls below accreditation for a second consecutive year, or 2) falls below accreditation three times in five years, or 3) is on disciplinary probation or found responsible for a conduct violation that occurred during the calendar year and falls below accreditation for a first year, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will immediately file an incident report, and the chapter in question will go before a hearing the Office of Community Standards to be sanctioned for violating University of New Hampshire policies. This hearing may result in the loss of recognition of the chapter. The council respectively may choose to act through their judicial board as well. If the chapter is not removed but given sanctions or educational outcomes the Office and councils will support that organization to reach their goals for the coming year.

Third Consecutive Year Below Accreditation or Second Consecutive Year for a Chapter with Conduct Violations/Disciplinary Probation

A chapter a) falling below accreditation for a third consecutive year or, b) falling below accreditation for a second consecutive year that is on disciplinary probation or found responsible for a conduct violation that occurred during the calendar year will automatically lose university recognition for no less than one calendar year and no more than four calendar years as determined by the Student Life team. To return after losing recognition, a group must comply with the UNH Fraternity and Sorority Life Minimum Standards for Expansion/Extension and work with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority life with a timeline and plan that works for the respective council and community.