

Protocol for Chapters Falling Below Accreditation (Re-Recognition)

All social fraternities and sororities who have obtained university-wide recognition and official identification as an affiliated group by the Office of Off-Campus Engagement & Fraternity and Sorority Life must complete the Expectations of Excellence and Chapter Accreditation Program annually. The Expectations of Excellence and Chapter Accreditation Program emphasize hallmarks of quality and provide a mechanism to evaluate demonstrated achievements, identify vulnerabilities and create pathways for improvement through a comprehensive review process.

Because accreditation relies on voluntary and truthful compliance, the burden to satisfy its requirements rests with the organization. Organizations who fail to demonstrate or provide evidence that all obligations for renewal of recognition have been met are subject to accountability measures, individually or in combination, as described below.

Step 1:

Remediation – Did not meet accreditation for re-recognition

A Chapter is placed on remediation status should they not meet Accreditation for the first time. Remediation is a deliberate intervention to assist the chapter in correcting the deficit. Remediation does not affect the chapter's ability to maintain university recognition. The Chapter must prepare a formal presentation for the Student Life Team, Council Leaders, and FSL Presidents identifying strategies to improve its standing in the coming calendar year. The Office will notify the chapter, chapter advisory board, and chapter headquarters of their updated status. At least 50% of the active chapter membership must attend this presentation. The Student Life Team will provide the Chapter with an Action Plan to remedy its standing by actively engaging in the presentation and outcomes provided by the chapter. This action plan will assist Chapters with the Expectations of Excellence they did not meet or to submit additional materials that would allow the Chapter to document a level of operation to meet the standards. This educational action plan must be completed in the calendar year that accreditation is not met. Should the presentation not occur or does not meet the standards outlined by the Office, the Chapter will be placed on Step 2 (outlined below). If the presentation is completed and has met the standards of the Office, the Chapter will only need to meet accreditation for the following calendar year to be lifted from remediation.

Step 2: Provisional Status

A Chapter that does not meet accreditation requirements for two consecutive years, or three times within five years, will be placed on a provisional status. This status will have the Chapter complete all action plans affiliated with remediation. In addition, the Chapter will be unable to participate in the Sophomore Housing Exemption. A Provisional Status does not affect the chapter's ability to maintain university-recognition

Upon final review from the Office, Chapters documents will be referred to their appropriate governing council executive board to review where an action plan will be recommended by the council to the office and submitted to the Director of Off-Campus Engagement & Fraternity and Sorority Life for review. This recommendation would be included in the decision making on any additional outcomes or status for any Chapter on Step 2.

If the Organization fails to meet accreditation and re-recognition requirements the following year or does not complete the above as outlined by the Office and appropriate governing council executive board, the Chapter will be placed on Step 3 (outlined below).

Step 3: Revocation of Recognition

A Chapter that does not meet accreditation requirements for a third consecutive year will have their recognition revoked. The Chapter has been previously provided resolution agreements through the appropriate councils and Office, with ample opportunity to remedy their development and recognition requirements.

The Chapter will no longer be recognized by the University and cannot operate. To return to the UNH community, the Chapter must comply with the Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion/Extension policy and work with the Office of Off-Campus Engagement & Fraternity and Sorority Life with a timeline and plan that works for the respective council and greater community. A return agreement with the fraternal organizations inter/national headquarters must be in place.