

Southern - 2010 Provincial Council Meeting

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This document describes in detail policy recommendations that have been proposed to the Southern Provincial Council for consideration.

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – Recommendation to the Southern Provincial Council

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation:

My name is Reshard Snellings and I serve as the Vice President of Pledge Education for the Kappa Chapter at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. I am submitting this proposal to increase the number of local options that chapters are allowed to choose from based on the length of their pledge education program. Delta Sigma Pi allows programs to range from 30 days to 10 weeks. I am proposing that the number of allowable local options be based on the length of the pledge process and not capped to just 3 local options.

Length of Pledge Process	Number of Local Options Allowed	Approval Required
4 Week Process	3 Local Options	No Approval Required
5 or 6 Week Process	4 Local Options	District Director
7 or 8 Week Process	5 Local Options	Regional Vice President
9 or 10 Week Process	6 Local Options	Provincial Vice President

Each chapter will only be required to obtain approval if it wants to increase the number of local options beyond 3. The VPPE will need to seek approval by submitting a request in writing with the following details:

1. Reason for seeking approval
2. Structure for how each additional option will be carried out
3. How the chapter will assist the pledge class with getting the additional options completed
4. How will each option be assigned to the pledge class
5. What steps the chapter will take to ensure that the pledges do not become overwhelmed

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission:

The Purpose of the Proposal is to allow each chapter to strengthen its pledge education program. According to the standard Pledge education program, no chapter can exceed three Local Requirements. Often times, this short changes the education aspect of the Pledging Process and does a disservice to the chapter and to those students who are going through the Pledge Process because it restricts the students learning and makes it difficult for the chapter to gauge how hard the students are working and how dedicated the student is to the pledge process.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:

If approved, I would like to see the changes go into effect on or before May 1, 2010. This date was chosen because chapters are required to submit Pledge Programs by December 15 and June 15. This gives each chapter enough time to properly plan their Pledge education program and allows Central Office enough time to approve each program prior to the Fall 2010 School Term.

****Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation:***

Usually, chapters struggle with the limitation of having only three local options to choose from. As it stands now, there are fourteen potential local requirements that chapters are allowed to choose from. All of the local options are great choices and bring something different to the pledge process. Some of the local options help students to perfect their presentation skills whereas other options help the students build leadership skills that cannot be taught in the classroom. The principals of leadership can be taught but if you never have an opportunity to apply what you have learned, then what was the point of you ever learning it in the first place. Chapters are given the option to have a Pledge Process as short as 30 days or as long as 10 weeks. With the existing Pledge Program, all of the National Requirements and Three Local Options can easily be implemented in 30 days. For those chapters that choose to have a ten week process, there is nothing really for the Pledge Educator to cover over 10 weeks. It makes the Pledges think their process was too easy and they tend not to respect it as much as if they worked hard for the prestige of being a brother. The Kappa Chapter has very high expectations of our Brothers. The Pledge Process should prepare the pledges for Brotherhood and it does a disservice to each chapter and each pledge if they have a really relaxed process and then have hard work to do as a Brother.

****Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation:***

If this proposal passes, there are several negative aspects to the pledges that will turn into a positive experience upon successful initiation into brotherhood.

1. The Pledges would have to work harder for what they want.
2. It will require the pledges to improve upon their time management skills.
3. It would require pledges to learn how to work in “unity” with their pledge brothers and build stronger relationships as a result of “helping” each other get through the pledge process.

****Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation:***

There is no additional financial cost to the Fraternity or any of its local chapters.

**The National Fraternity reserves the right to provide additional information to the delegates in these categories.*

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

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