

PHILOSOPHY OF THE ORGANIZATION REGARDING ALCOHOL

Sigma Pi Fraternity is a values-based membership development organization that focuses on building brotherhood through character enhancement, leadership development, academic achievement, commitment to service, life long friendship and social experiences. The Fraternity believes that alcohol abuse prevents individual members from realizing their full potential as citizens and from exemplifying these characteristics of brotherhood.

While the moderate and legal consumption of alcohol, in and of itself, does not constitute a problem, the illegal use and abuse of alcoholic beverages is widely recognized as a major problem in our society. Seeking to be a responsible member of the higher education community, Sigma Pi is acutely concerned about alcohol abuse. Our Fraternity believes heartily in the betterment of men through our chapters. Our organization upholds the following philosophy specifically related to alcohol.

- The Fraternity expects that our members, new members and guests comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide, or be provided alcoholic beverages.
- As a member of the campus community, the Fraternity collaborates with the host institution to address the problem of alcohol misuse.
- The Fraternity works to address the negative behaviors associated with alcohol misuse and abuse, and not simply the location of those behaviors. As such, Sigma Pi addresses these behaviors with a comprehensive educational approach.
- Through education, training, we provide resources to help students make informed decisions, and to understand the consequences of their decisions. The organization will hold chapters and individual chapter members accountable for the decisions they make.
- The Fraternity expects personal responsibility from its members and accountability through local self governance within the boundaries established by Sigma Pi's Constitution, Bylaws, and Grand Council policies.
- The Fraternity will hold chapters accountable for the choices they make through a progressive discipline strategy.
- We are concerned for the safety and well being of our members.