

PHILOSOPHY OF THE ORGANIZATION REGARDING HAZING

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, lifelong friendship and social experiences. The Fraternity's purpose and aim is to promote fellowship and mutual trust among its members, and Sigma Pi fundamentally believes hazing prevents individual members and chapters from exemplifying these characteristics of brotherhood.

Seeking to be a responsible member of the higher education community, Sigma Pi is acutely concerned about any activity that could be considered mentally, physically, or emotionally unsafe. Our Fraternity believes very strongly in the betterment of men through our chapters.

Our organization upholds the following philosophy specifically related to hazing:

- The Fraternity is unequivocally opposed to all acts of hazing and expects our members to follow the laws across the United States that have made hazing illegal.
- As an organization founded on the principles of friendship, the Fraternity expects that all members treat each other with dignity and respect, regardless of their membership classification or level of seniority within the organization.
- As a member of the campus community, the Fraternity collaborates with the host institution to address the problem of hazing.
- The Fraternity works to address the underlying causes of hazing, and not simply the observable behaviors. As such, Sigma Pi utilizes a comprehensive educational approach that reinforces the Fraternity's concern for human dignity and mutual respect among its members.
- Through education, training, and mature adult guidance, we provide resources to help students make good decisions, and to understand the consequences of their decisions. The organization will hold chapters and individual chapter members accountable for the choices 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 follows a consistent and progressive discipline strategy with our chapters. When a member or subordinate chapter is unable to conform to the expectations of Sigma Pi, however, the conduct process may determine that they should no longer share in the privilege of participating in the Fraternity.
- We are concerned for the safety, well being, and dignity of our members.