## PHILOSOPHY OF THE ORGANIZATION

## REGARDING ILLEGAL DRUGS & OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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 believes that drug use prevents individual members from realizing their full potential as citizens and from exemplifying these characteristics of brotherhood.

Seeking to be a responsible member of the higher education community, Sigma Pi is acutely concerned about drug use and abuse. Our Fraternity believes heartily in the betterment of men through our chapters. Our organization upholds the following philosophy specifically related to illegal drugs and other controlled substances

- We are bothered by the impact drugs and other mind-altering substances have on the safety and lifelong well-being of our members and the reputation of our fraternity.
- The Fraternity expects members, new members and guests to follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on fraternity premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter.
- As a member of the campus community, the Fraternity collaborates with the host institution to address the problem of drug use and abuse including leveraging campus and community resources to assist the membership.
- 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 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 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.