



The Grand Chapter

Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity Inc.

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UNDERGRADUATE STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Education and purposeful involvement with Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity Inc. can positively influence the learning and development of undergraduate members. Involvement in Kappa Alpha Psi® provides important opportunities for self-realization, leadership, self-governance, and acquiring social and interpersonal skills. Given the impact of peer group interaction, membership in the Fraternity has the potential for far-reaching effects on various domains of students' educational and personal development.

Kappa Alpha Psi® must emphasize that an educationally and socially purposeful fraternity experience will require collaboration between the Fraternity and the institution of higher education. First and foremost, however, we recognize that Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity's presence on the college and university campus is not absolute nor autonomous; the Fraternity's existence is at the decree of the host institution. As such, Kappa Alpha Psi's presence at institutions of higher education is to further common, preexisting shared values, ideals, and principles. What is particularly important is that while the individual chapter and its members must comply with Fraternity rules and regulations, members must abide by the host institution's standards of academic and personal conduct.

The purpose of the "Statement of Collaboration: Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity and American Colleges & Universities" is twofold. Firstly, it is an instrument to help address how the local chapter can further the stated educational objectives of the institution. Secondly, to help enhance the partnership among the Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, the local undergraduate chapter, and the host institution by articulating reasonable expectations for each constituent group.

This document should be carefully reviewed and signed by representatives from each constituent group at the beginning of each academic year. Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity encourages both the host institution and the local chapter to expand on the expectations listed below by appending this document, if necessary.

PRINCIPLES UNDERGIRDING KAPPA ALPHA PSI®'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Grand Chapter & International Headquarters

- Help shape individual and chapter character in relation to the fundamental purposes of Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity by providing programs, resources, and opportunities for chapter and individual leadership, including C. Rodger Wilson Leadership

Conferences, the Undergraduate Summit, and various external programs like LeaderShape, Inc. and the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute.

- Perform periodic visitations to campus officials and chapters in order to make recommendations to the host institution and the Province Polemarch of jurisdiction regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the local chapter.
- Encourage frequent and regular participation of local alumni chapters in undergraduate affairs in order to foster mutual support, trust, and fellow-feeling between undergraduate and alumni men.
- Serve as a clearinghouse and provide necessary materials needed by colleges and universities for proper advising and administration of undergraduate chapters.
- Respond as one voice to colleges and universities on matters that effect undergraduate chapters.
- Respond to college and university inquiries in a reasonable manner.

The Local Chapter

- Serve as a positive influence within the university community by sponsoring and engaging in activities which legitimately nurture educational and social objectives.
- Promote high Christian ideals.
- By developing and adhering to a core value system manifested in the Fraternity's Five Objectives, create a chapter ethos in which each member can gain a sense of self-worth, trust and respect, fellow-feeling, acceptance, and support.
- Attain and maintain individual and chapter high scholastic achievement.
- Maintain a positive relationship with the host institution by developing and maintaining regular channels of communication with the appropriate student affairs/campus life office (e.g., Greek Life, Student Activities, Multicultural Student Services) and by participating in the campus National Pan-Hellenic Council and/or Interfraternity Council.
- Be accountable to the host institution, the Grand Chapter, and the local alumni chapter.

The Host Institution

- Encourage faculty, administrative, and staff involvement and support of Kappa Alpha Psi® activities and events.
- Provide on-campus advising for undergraduate chapters whereby chapter officers meet regularly with student affairs or other institutional staff.

- Stimulate ideas for educationally and socially purposeful activities and events, such as annual retreats, regional and national leadership conferences, and interfraternity social and recreational events.
- Help foster an environment conducive to positive interfraternal collaboration and self-governance, particularly through association in the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Interfraternity Council.
- Provide regular and frequent feedback to Kappa Alpha Psi® officials regarding the compliance of the local chapter with the institution’s rules and regulations.

STATEMENT OF PROHIBITED PRACTICES FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity is an international organization built on the principles of high academic, moral, social, civic, ethical, and religious standards. Through involvement in various programs, the Fraternity is committed to the task of helping its student members develop themselves as whole human beings. While most colleges and universities support the notion of self-governance, individualism, and group identity, the Fraternity will not tolerate individual behavior and chapter-perpetuated activities that are counterproductive to the organization and, more importantly, to the host institution. Under no circumstances will chapter activities interfere with the educational and personal development (including safety) of men both in the Fraternity and those who seek membership. Furthermore, Kappa Alpha Psi® will not tolerate hazing or other conduct which is unlawful, anti-social, immoral, or inconsistent with civilized values.

When allegations of misconduct have been found, the host institution and Kappa Alpha Psi® will collaborate in the investigation, and both entities will jointly render appropriate sanctions. Kappa Alpha Psi® stands firm on its position on illegal pledging and hazing: “Any member who participates in, any activity which reasonably suggests or infers that pledging is a permitted activity in Kappa Alpha Psi® shall be fined and suspended for a period up to five (5) years” (Executive Order Number Three).

We direct college and university officials and chapter members to consult the Constitution & Statutes of Kappa Alpha Psi®, Pronouncement of Hazing and Other Disciplinary Matters, and Executive Orders on issues related to prohibited activities and behavior. Individuals may contact the International Headquarters of the Fraternity by writing 2322-24 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19132-4590 or by calling (215) 228-7184.

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Before an undergraduate chapter is re-certified, this section of the “Statement of Collaboration” must be signed by the local chapter polemarch and an institutional official (e.g., Dean of Students, Greek Affairs Coordinator) and returned to Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc. International Headquarters, 2322-24 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132-4590/215-228-7181 (fax) by the local chapter.

Local Chapter Polemarch (Print)

Name Institutional Official (Print)

Polemarch Signature

Date

Executive Director or Designee (Print)

Date

Institutional Official Signature

Date

Print Name of Chapter Advisor

Date