

To our Brothers of the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Cal Poly State University – San Luis Obispo:

On March 19, 2018, Delta Sigma Phi received final notice from University administration that our appeals to regain recognition of the chapter will not be granted. The University will not recognize the chapter as an affiliated entity until all operations have ceased in their entirety for a period of 18 months.

This decision is the result of extensive conversations and negotiations driven by the alumni and the national Fraternity with the university. Since this fall, we have exerted every resource, opportunity, relationship, and argument at our disposal. We have championed the character of our undergraduate men, the dedication you all have made to exemplify our ideals through service and philanthropy, and the dedication to improving and executing sound risk management and operations during a difficult and ambiguous time. We have been proud to take this opportunity to share the truth of your commitment over the past several years with the university, because you all have done such an exemplary job in carrying this chapter forward with respect. The efforts from this fall are an extension of the ongoing commitment of the alumni and national office to support the chapter throughout this process – from extensive support during the 2014-15 academic year to improve chapter operations following the initial incident, to coordinating an appeal that reduced an initial 5 year closure to two years, and the creation and execution of a unique framework for the chapter to continue operating without recognition.

Unfortunately, at this point, a temporary closure of the chapter and cessation of all operations is the only option remaining to regain University recognition and a full and respected inclusion in the Greek community at Cal Poly. It is with a heavy heart that our Grand Council will be revoking the charter for the Epsilon Rho Chapter.

As a result of the revocation of the chapter's charter, the following expectations are to be adhered to:

- 1) All operations of the chapter must cease in their entirety. This includes, but is not limited to, social engagements, recruiting, philanthropy, and other general operations as a chapter.
- 2) As undergraduates at the University, you are not to represent yourselves as a chapter of Delta Sigma Phi or take any actions as individuals or as a group that would imply you are doing so.
- 3) You are ineligible to be an active undergraduate member of Delta Sigma Phi. Therefore, this letter serves as a formal notification that you are considered an alumnus member of the Fraternity, pending continued acceptable conduct, financial, and academic standing. As a member of the Fraternity, you are still required to uphold the expectations of membership, and any violation of our code of conduct or of the requirements to cease operations can result in your suspension or expulsion from the Fraternity.

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is committed to upholding our standards and fostering meaningful Fraternity experiences for our members. The news of the chapter's closure is—without a doubt—upsetting for all Epsilon Rho undergraduate members, Fraternity alumni and other supporters, as it is for our National Fraternity. While difficult in the short-term, the National Fraternity is committed to working diligently with our alumni and the Cal Poly University community to restore Epsilon Rho Chapter with Men of Courage, Action and Excellence in the future. If you have further questions, please contact Patrick Jessee, Executive Director & CEO, at the Delta Sigma Phi National Fraternity Headquarters.

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