

Office of Greek Life Programs
Academic Policy – Revised 2011

The Office of Greek Life Programs in support of the Interfraternity, Panhellenic, and Black & Latino Greek Councils aim for academic excellence regarding both potential, new, and active members. The below outlines the minimum expectations of Council Executive Board Positions (IFC, PHC, BLGC, and IGC), Chapter Members, New Members, and Potential Members affiliated or seeking membership in a recognized WCU Greek Letter Organization.

Office of Greek Life Academic Policy:

- 1. Governing and Programming Council Executive Board Positions:**
All positions of an Executive Board of a Greek Council at WCU will be held by an active member of a recognized fraternity/sorority at WCU (Active Members may only hold a position on said governing board that their individual chapter is governed by). Said member must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and be a fulltime WCU Student (attempting 12 academic credits or more). If a member holding a position falls below a 2.5 cumulative average after an academic term has completed, said member must remove him or herself from the position on the council(s). Councils may vote to increase this minimum standard, but may not go below a 2.5 cumulative average.
- 2. Chapters:** At the completion of every fall and spring academic term The Office of Greek Life Programs will calculate individual, chapter, and council academic progress reports. It is required that all chapters maintain a combined active, new member, and chapter total of a 2.5 term average. If the chapter's active, new member, and or chapter total average is a below a 2.5 term average. The noted chapter will be placed on academic probation status and will work with the chapter's governing council (IFC, PHC, and or BLGC) regarding an academic recovery plan. The extent of the probation will be determined on the chapter's progress to improve the academic standing. The Office of Greek Life Programs will work with the governing councils to determine the extent and term(s) of the probation and recovery plan. If the chapter does not complete the recovery plan and or improve academically said chapter will face continued probationary directives. If the chapter is consecutively under the 2.5 the chapter could face added expectations regarding academic improvements.
- 3. Potential Members, New Members, and Active Members:** The Office of Greek Life Programs considers a 2.5 overall cumulative GPA to be the minimum academic standard for all individual members. If a fulltime WCU Student (attempting 12 academic credits or more) is seeking membership in a WCU fraternity/sorority he or she must have a minimum of a 2.5 overall cumulative grade point average. If the potential member is a first year student (who has not earned a WCU academic grade point average) and is seeking membership, they can join with the understanding that they must have a 2.5 cumulative average at the completion of their new member/intake processes. (For the Black and Latino Council – any full time WCU Student seeking membership can not be a first semester student.) Any active and or new member that falls below the 2.5 minimum cumulative academic standard will be placed on academic probation by their individual chapter. It is the responsibility of the chapters to determine this probation and an academic recovery

plan to assist these individual members not meeting the 2.5 minimum standard. Individual Chapters will be responsible for turning in their academic recovery plans to the Governing Council they are affiliated with. The extent and the terms of the plans will be determined by The Office of Greek Life Programs and said Governing Council(s).

Academic Appeals:

Any student, member, or chapter leadership wishing to appeal the above academic policy must do so in writing to the President of said Governing Council and to the Office of Greek Life Programs. Appeals will be reviewed and heard in five business days and a decision made. The decision regarding the academic appeal will be made by the Governing Council Executive Body and the Office of Greek Life Programs. The outcome of the review of the appeal submitted will be final.