Greek Life Commons planning event – Saturday, November 6, 2010
Responses from Working Session 1: Other Aspects

What other aspects are currently working well in your chapter?

The comments listed below were generated by the participants in attendance during Greek Life Commons planning event held on Saturday, November 6th, 2010.

The responses were taken directly from the participants. No responses were omitted and no editing occurred (other than a spell check).

Participants at the event were responding to the following discussion question. “What other aspects are currently working well in your chapter?”

1. Establish Multicultural Greek Council
2. Greek Lip Synch works well to unite Greek community
3. Work Parties
4. Note: more communication between chapters needed (joint events, etc.)
5. Fining system for missing mandatory events and such
   a. Is there a way to improve this system?
      i. Maybe make do work while than assign a monetary value
      ii. Compound fines – if don’t do assigned makeup work, more task accrue
      iii. Can only fine someone so much before they leave house
      iv. Point scale – task/hours scale; need to work off negative points (maybe have to do extra committee tasks)
   v. Take away voting rights
6. Need to recruit people with passion who will want to exercise leadership, do community service, be active
7. Brotherhood/sisterhood – easiest to be close-knit in small chapter?
   a. Maybe size of new member class dictated by size of house?
8. Well rounded development for individuals
9. Create opportunities for lifelong personal development, life skills development lifelong and support
10. Learning to take care of house: electrical work, plumbing
11. Networking with Alumni
   a. Facebook
   b. Email list
   c. RPI Greek LinkedIn
   d. Alumni BBQ at the beginning of the semester
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12. Any time any alumni does something cool or does something exciting, they take a set of letters and take a picture regardless of where
   a. Wall of pictures from all over the world, keeps current undergrads involved and reaches out to alumni
13. Solid Brotherhood- long house meetings, bring people together
14. Phi Mu Delta: Outstanding Chapter 2010
15. Applying for awards from Nationals/International
16. Programs with other organizations on campus: AE Pi, Hillel; Hockey vs. Hunger (PMD), Teeter-Totter-a-thon with RSE, Greek Hockey Night
17. Property management company use, FIXX usage
18. Live in Advisors?
19. Chefs cook for houses, brothers elected to do that, rotating cooking schedules
   a. Chef versus brothers do shopping for houses
20. Academic advisor lives near campus
21. Ability of members to step up and lead
22. Recruitment
23. Independence, self-sustainability
24. Strong relationships with alumni and housing corporations
25. Members are well aware of risk management, the ability to have casual dialogue about risk management
26. Recognize individual achievement among members
27. Alumni initiates, helps alumni involvement
28. Recruitment events that are a bit more original
29. Smaller events
30. Limiting the use of negative themes in recruitment t-shirts
31. Limiting dorm storming
32. Wearing letters on campus on Thursdays
33. Events like lip sync where so many Greeks are present showing our presence
34. Having people on campus at events that aren’t necessarily for Greeks wearing letters showing that we’re involved in campus activities.
35. Buying milk and produce locally – cheaper and supports community
36. Opportunities that won’t be given to non-Greeks (cooking, house upkeep, repairs)
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37. Greeks in general are involved on campus more than non, higher GPA
38. Networking, job opportunities
39. Exposure to other chapters,
40. Networking opportunity to be set up by Greek Life Commons?
41. Greek Leaf (website)
42. AIGC/networking set up for all chapters by school
43. Greek alumni more involved at RPI than independents?
44. Social benefits (even partying aside) is huge. In addition to your own house, you are exposed to friendships with so many other houses, huge community of friends and acquaintances
45. Being Greek has a cost, but is also cheaper than on campus
46. CLASS is essentially to model Greek life for non-Greeks
47. Risk management, TiPS training
48. General communication skills between chapters and RPI/ chapters and Troy Community
49. There’s a fraternity/sorority that is a good fit for everyone
   a. Formal recruitment
50. Structure of sorority recruitment is a blessing and a curse, in a way
51. Fraternity recruitment, they like it, mixed opinions on shortening it
52. Public image
   a. Have a Greek dean now, good for RPI relations
      i. Selling the Greeks should improve now
      ii. Need to encourage more people to step away from the video games!
53. Greek-RPI relations
   a. Alumni help to give chapters pull with RPI
   b. Being Greek = being involved with campus, actually benefits RPI donation-wise to have good relations with the Greeks
   c. Together we are all strong and if we stick together we have a ton of pull on campus
   d. Have to maintain respectful communication
   e. From our end- have to be upstanding students on campus, don’t give them a reason to hate us
   f. Have a Greek GM
      i. Greeks graduate at a higher rate
      ii. Greeks donate back at a higher rate
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54. How can we have a good relationship with independents? How can we have a lot of influence without oppressing them?
55. Food from Sysco
56. Steward, lunchtime, dinnertime people to clean up after both
57. Alumni relations
58. Recruitment
59. Trick or Treating with the community
60. Just events to get the community involved with Greeks.
61. Publicity: How to make others aware of house
62. Eddie: tried to find ways to play nice with the national. When they come visit get them a place to stay get the house cleaned and it has helped. Still enemies but are more willing to help, better to help
63. John: help when someone you know is on the alumni rep.
64. Mark: we have 45 positions and large amount can help get more people involved
65. Eddie: have monthly meetings with the dean
66. Have faculty over for dinner get better relations
67. Kelly: Invite RPI grounds crew and were very appreciative because they were not normally recognized
68. Dean helped with the early warning system, meeting with the dean helped always good to bring it up.
69. Meetings with Matt Hunt
70. Relations with other houses could be better
71. James: we have not done much currently
72. Block Parties were a hit maybe bring it back?
73. Everything!
74. Houses allow seclusion from the daily grind of school, classes, work load- gives the good outlook
75. Bonds within houses are irreplaceable
76. Cross generational within chapters – useful for benefit of education, philanthropy, life after college
   a. Houses provide diversity
77. Alumni connection- phi sig: strong – email list for both alumni, active list - > keeps closely in touch and working a good connection
78. Actives email list- pi kappa phi: keep in touch- includes alumni
79. Active Alumni – have alumni contact list
   a. Alumni Dinner’s

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**80. Alumni House coordination**

a. Work directly with RPI Alumni House to keep databases

b. Use them as a resource to contact alumni