Sheet Notes from the Greek Leadership Summit

These are the scribe notes from the discussions in the breakout session flipcharts

Summer Arch

Sheet 1

- Issues Identified?
- Election Timetable
- Leadership Issues
- Financial Issues
- Keeping House Filled
- No Summer Leaders
  - Juniors will go to their houses anyways
- Moving In and out of houses and dorms
  - (JKW added: Room selection for the summer – can they be with brothers/sisters or RPI select)
- Living In – Lose Room/Apt
- Guarantee of Co-Op?
- Limited Choice depending on Major

Sheet 2

- Stress Level for 3-4 semesters in a row
- Will Dorm Renovations Stop (JKW: meaning now harder to do facility maintenance during summer downtime)
- Trimester? More Work / Less time
- Fewere Sophomores (not Freshman) going Greek
  - Recruit more difficult without the Jrs
  - Less $$ for Rush
- Must Increase Membership (chapter size to cover vacancies)
- Summer Recruitment of those Juniors allowed?

Sheet 3

- Financial Impact on Individuals
  - Summer employment is missed for the cycle of companies and home opportunities
  - Extended Courses – Get out of synch for the sequential courses (JKW: which exemptions and smaller disciplines means double teaching or forced away/stay times on campus)
- Relaxing at Greek House relieves stress (JKW: the support system RPI talks about having as part of CLASS)
• Could have community service/philanthropy during the summer if the houses were used/Fewer with less?
• Maybe don’t see Friends or Family [as much]
• Disparate treatment of Greeks [versus Athletes?, violation of GLCA?]
• Lack of Choice
**Relationship Statement**

Context of the “Relationship Statement Reinvestment” Breakout session for GLS 2017.

We opened the session by describing what the Relationship Statement is (a surprisingly large percentage of attendees did not know), what it attempts to do for the Greek Community, and a brief history (including the fact that it has not been official updated since 2006—more than a full decade.)

After setting the stage, we gave them this charge: If we gave you a blank piece of paper (or a flipchart) and said to you: “Write down all the things that we, as a Greek community, should be doing to ensure that we have a safe, productive community—one that we could be very proud of.” They listed the 31 items in the first list. We could note that since this list was created from a student point of view, it does not include items that might be suggested by alumni advisors and house corporations.

We then asked them: “If we gave you another blank piece of paper and asked you to list all things that you would like RPI to do to ensure the safety and success of the Greek community, what would you write?” They listed the 31 items in the second list. Again, the list was created from a student point of view and does not include the regulations and requirements that would be considered but the RPI administration, alumni advisors, and house corporations.

**Sheet 1 & 2: We Will**

1. Uphold what we stand for
2. Support members academically
3. Aim for 5 Star status (accreditation)
4. Implement Risk Management
5. Active Philanthropists
6. Inclusive events for Greeks and non-Greeks
7. Be active in local community/Troy
8. Safe living conditions
9. Help house undergraduates
10. Hold members to RPI standards
11. Encourage activity & leadership in RPI
12. Hold programming / Encourage members to attend RPI programs
13. Personal/Professional development and encouragement
14. Financial responsibility
15. Alumni Relations support
16. Abide by alcohol policy
17. Do not abuse or haze others
18. Follow recruitment guidelines
19. (Sheet 2) Help promote unity at RPI
20. Maintain chapter properties
21. Maintain social media image
22. Hold members accountable to standards
23. Maintain working relationship with Fraternity/Sorority Headquarters
24. Don’t disturb the peace
25. Support brothers/sisters emotionally and mentally
26. Actively take steps to prevent sexual assault
27. Cooperate with investigators
28. Align our goals with those of the Institute
29. Promote RPI positively
30. Increase enrollment/retention
31. Provide leadership opportunities for students

Sheet 3 & 4: RPI Will

1. [Will have] Openness and honesty
2. Look for more Greek involvement
3. Actively promote the Greek community
4. Allow Greeks to house during Summer Arch
5. [Provide] risk education for non-Greeks
6. [Provide] Houseing support
7. Help promote Greek image to Faculty
8. Don’t discriminate against Greeks
9. Allow self Judicial regulation
10. Extend Good Samaritan policy to include houses
11. Hold individuals accountable, not houses
12. Support out philanthropy and service
13. [Give a] Shout out to Greek life in promotional videos
14. Assist recruiting
15. Ensuring consistent leadership for Greeks [JKW: Dean and staff or do you mean student leaders?]
16. Committed faculty members
17. Open forum to communicate concerns (both ways)
18. Ability to book meetings with administration
19. Representatives to Administration for Greeks
20. More transparency about RPI’s goals for Greek Life [JKW: sic the new Student Life Performance Plan Greek Section was not discussed with AIGC or IFC/Panhel Councils]
21. Recognition for Risk Management Efforts [by the undergrads]
22. Support Greeks in local community (with neighbors)
23. Trust Us!
24. Help us promote events
25. Acknowledge Greek Alumni[ae]
26. Promote us externally
27. Greeks are students too, don’t put a label on us!
28. Promote out academic success to faculty
29. Ensure no bias from coaches/ROTC – accountability [to them]
30. Bus scheduling – we need transportation
31. Admit that Greek Life Rocks!
NIC/NPC Basic Expectations of Membership

First we had the group write down 2 values they felt their fraternity/sorority provides or instills and then we went around the room to scribe those values. [Where there were multiple statements of those qualities, I put in parenthesis the number of common qualities and then sorted them]

- Bond/Family (4)
- Integrity (4)
- Academic success (3)
- Responsibility (3)
- Helping Hand (3)
- Loyalty (3)
- Friendship (2)
- Honesty (2)
- Professionalism (2)
- Leadership
- Respect
- Democracy
- Trust
- Faith
- Accountability
- Role Models
- Confidence
- High Ideals
- Reliability
- Unity
- Seeking Truth
- Diversity
- Diligence
- Having Fun
- Courage
- Pride

Then we did some survey: Strongly Agree, Somewhat Agree, Somewhat Disagree, Strongly Disagree to statements for the NIC/NPC 9 expectations. Most were uniform in response, though several had a range. [JKW: I can provide the statements John Pfaff and I used if desired]

1. I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.
2. I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.
3. I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse or haze any human being.

4. I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.

5. I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.

6. I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.

7. I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither misuse nor support the misuse of alcohol.

8. I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore, I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.

9. I will challenge my members to abide by these fraternal expectations and confront those who violate them.
**Greek Life Commons Agreement**

Sheet 1: Commons?
- Dining Halls
- Housing Agreement
- Rules of Operation
- Facility Standards
- Code of Conduct
- Mail Collection [JKW: ?]
- Communication
- Contract
- Signed Agreement

Sheet 2: What do we Want?
- Early positive exposure
  - NRB, [JKW: Accepted Students Day, Sports recruitment weekends, etc.]
- Inspection scheduling
- Purchasing fire code manuals [JKW: ?]
- Improved garbage & recycling pick-up
- School sponsored electricians
- More communication regarding sophomore housing
- Clarification on meal plan expectations [JKW: ?]
- Summer Arch
- Angie’s List for Greeks
- Updated officer lists – IFC/Panhel
- Funds for deferred maintenance by chapter size [JKW: ?]

Sheet 3: What we are Willing to Do
- Pay for our own maintenance
- Par more for preferred services (Angie’s list)
- Have representations during review [JKW: ?]
- Chapter tours