

## Statement of Relationship Between Rensselaer and Social Fraternities and Sororities – Summary of Proposed Revisions

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| Preamble                            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Third paragraph: added "service" to the first sentence to add another aspect of developmental areas.</li> <li>2. Last paragraph: Changed "2004-2006" to "current" so the specific student handbook edition becomes generic. This could be changed to the "2008-2010"</li> </ol>   | <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p>                  |
| Terms of Recognition                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Throughout the entire document changed "Dean of Students Office" to "Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs" where appropriate, e.g. in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bullet of the second paragraph. This is needed due to the Student Life Reorganization of 2008 moving OFSA to Division of Resident Life, no longer underneath the DOSO.</li> <li>2. Second paragraph, 5<sup>th</sup> bullet: Changed the number of minimum members from 5 to 10 for recognition. The bullet now would read: "Present an initial membership list of at least ten (10) currently registered, degree-seeking students who are not on academic or disciplinary probation."</li> <li>3. Last paragraph: Changed "2004-2006" to "current" so the specific student handbook edition becomes generic. This could be changed to the "2008-2010"</li> </ol> | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p> |
| Stages of Recognition               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First paragraph, last sentence: Added "or for various disciplinary reasons"</li> <li>2. Under Group Suspension paragraph, second sentence: Changed "pledging" to "new member education" as a move towards current trends in terminology.</li> <li>3. Added major new section on "Process for Reinstatement to Full Recognition by a Fraternity or Sorority" to incorporate a 2007 policy by RPI that specifies how groups and petition for full recognition after a judicial sanction. The words are essentially the same as in the form application that OFSA maintains for chapters to come off suspension.</li> </ol>  | <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> |
| Alumni/ae and Adviser Participation | <p>In "Rensselaer will" section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delete bullet #2 (requirement to publish a monthly electronic newsletter)</li> <li>2. Delete bullet #4 (requirement to provide a workshop to house corporations)</li> </ol> <p>OFSA reasoning: Deleted electronic newsletter as it has been decided that the Greek Gazette will no longer be published as there is not enough information to publish one—house corporation meetings deleted as there are no workshops that can be provided at this point in time.</p> <p>AIGC suggests: change bullet #1 to "periodically" instead of "monthly" and change bullet #4, to read "In coordination with the AIGC, provide..." The proposed deletions due to resource constraints will be proposed to be included in a new Appendix, so they might come back when resources are restored</p>                      | <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p>                  |

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| Standards | <p>1. Added a new section that becomes the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: "Rensselaer requires compliance with Greek Life Policies regarding: Alcohol, Social Event Management Manual, Good Samaritan Policy, 5 Star Standards Accreditation." This brings things up to date with the outcome of the "Initiatives" of 2006 and the "New Directions, New Opportunities" report of 2007. These reports are available on the AIGC website.</p>  | OFSA      |
|           | <p>2. Moved the last sentence of the old 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to be a new 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph and changed words from "Rensselaer requires compliance with the [FEA]...." to "Rensselaer also requires compliance with the [FEA]..."</p>  | AIGC      |
|           | <p>3. To the old 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changed sentence from "... compliance with the Fraternity Executives Association's..." to read "... compliance with the NIC, NPC, and Fraternity Executives Association's..."</li> <li>▪ Added two bullets to refer readers to the NPC statements (App. 9) and the National Guidelines on Risk Management (App. 10).</li> </ul>   | AIGC      |
|           | <p>Added these since Appendix 9 and now the new Appendix 10 were not referred to at all in the current document. This corrects an oversight from last revision when the NPC Statements were added, but not referred. – <i>this whole referencing to the appendices may need some work since there are different flavors of "require" and "encourage"</i></p>  |           |
|           | <p>4. Added a new final paragraph that encourages Rensselaer to comply with the NIC adopted Standards for Campuses</p> <p>To be consistent with the statements immediately above for what RPI requires and encourages of the chapters, a statement that the Greeks encourage RPI to comply with the NIC standards for the campuses was included – quid pro quo. The NIC campus standards were developed after the original 1991 version of the Relationship Statement.</p> <p>5. Added new major section on the "Greek Life Alcohol Policy"</p> <p>Most of the wording is taken from the Event Management Manual and the "New Directions, New Opportunities" report of 2007. This incorporates the outcomes of efforts to deal with the "Initiatives" of 2006. These reports are online at the AIGC website</p> | AIGC      |
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| Rush/Recruitment/<br>Intake   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changed the section name to "Recruitment/Rush"</li> <li>2. Throughout this section changed from "rush/recruitment/intake" to "recruitment"</li> <li>3. Under the Advisers paragraph: delete from the first bullet "and the development of the Parent's Guide to Greek Life"</li> </ol> <p>The parents guide does not exist anymore due to the new website changes and information can now be found there</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Under the "Rensselaer Will" paragraph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delete the second bullet that says RPI will coordinate the production and advertisement of a recruitment website</li> <li>▪ Delete the eighth bullet that says RPI will conduct a joint recruitment seminar to ensure the rules and regulations are distributed and clearly understood.</li> <li>▪ Delete the ninth bullet that says RPI will coordinate the production of the Parent's guide to Greek Life in coordination with the AIGC, IFC, and Panhel</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Removed conducting a joint IFC and Panhel recruitment seminar as the two are so separate in their rules and regulations, IFC and Panhel recruitment chairs are now in charge of holding recruitment meetings prior to recruitment with all chapter representatives. The parents guide does not exist anymore due to the new website changes and information can now be found there.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Under the "It is agreed that" paragraph: move the phrase "will establish policies" to have the sentence read better."</li> </ol> | <p>OFSA/AIGC<br/>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p> |
| New Member Education Programs | <p>In the "Rensselaer will" paragraph:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bullet #1 to delete "at least once per semester"</li> <li>2. Bullet #2 to change "/pledge" to "education"</li> </ol>  | <p>OFSA/AIGC<br/>OFSA/AIGC</p>  |
| Academics                     | <p>In the "Rensselaer will" paragraph:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delete Bullet #3 that required RPI to notify national headquarters of all members achieving Dean's List.</li> </ol> <p>Due to FERPA regulations we cannot comment on student academics unless they sign off on a release to notify national office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Added new final bullet to have RPI promote the Advising and Learning Assistance Center Greek Academic Peer Support program to the chapters</li> </ol>  | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>AIGC</p>  |

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| Stability of Greek-Institute Records | <p>In the "Chapters will" paragraph:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bullet #2, changed from "... deadlines established by the Panhel or IFC" to "... deadlines established by OFSA in conjunction with the Panhel and IFC"</li> <li>2. Bullet #3, changed from "... list of new members, including names and [RIN]" to "... list of persons signing bids and new members, including names, email, major, class graduation, and [RIN]"</li> <li>3. Added new final bullet to have chapters provide data about housing occupancy and basic budgets so the RPI housing/occupancy report reflects an accurate and up to date assessment of the health of the system and educates RPI.</li> </ol>  | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>AIGC</p>                  |
| Greek L.I.F.E.                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First paragraph changed "... success of Greek life" to read "... success of Fraternity and Sorority life"</li> <li>2. In the "Advisers" paragraph, second bullet changed "Greek L.I.F.E. Retreat" to read "Greek Leadership Summit"</li> <li>3. In the "Rensselaer" paragraph changed "Greek L.I.F.E. Retreat" to read "Greek Leadership Summit"</li> <li>4. In the "Rensselaer" paragraph changed "... Greek life issues nationally and at [RPI]" to read "... Greek life issues and operations nationally and at [RPI]"</li> </ol>   | <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p> |
| Community Education                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First paragraph, last sentence changed from "IFC, Panhel, and Dean of Students Office will develop" to read "Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs in conjunction with the IFC and Panhel will develop"</li> </ol> <p>OFSA had initially suggested removing IFC and Panhel from inclusion in the development of programs. Because programming should be collaborative to ensure relevant and topics of interest or pursued. This final wording allows RPI to have the priority, but also says that they should work with the undergraduates and alumni for topical programming.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. In the "Rensselaer will" paragraph, added a new final bullet to ensure the scheduled programs are promoted in a timely and positive manner.</li> </ol> | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>AIGC</p>                                   |
| Conduct                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the "Chapters will" section, bullet #4, changed "... Dean of Students or his designee ..." to "... Dean of Students or their designee ..." so the phrase is gender generic.</li> <li>2. In the "Rensselaer will" section, bullet #1, changed "... once each semester." to read "... once each academic year."</li> </ol> <p>Despite risk management being highlighted as a concern in the "Initiatives" of 2006 and the "New Directions, New Opportunities" report in 2007, currently there is not enough man power in RPI departments to hold more than one seminar.</p>   | <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p>                                   |

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| Community Relations       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the "Chapters will" paragraph, delete the final bullet that requires chapters to participate in all Greek Neighborhood Relations Committee (GNRC) meetings.<br/>The GNRC has not been active for several years and the IFC will be removing the GNRC from its bylaws and replacing with a different initiative. The GNRC was useful back in the early 1990's during some tumultuous neighbor relations. Erin Crotty the new RPI Communications Director is working with OFSA to create other avenues to work with neighbors</li> <li>2. In the "Rensselaer will" paragraph, bullet #1, changed "... House Check Program..." to "... House Manager Program ..."</li> <li>3. In the "Rensselaer will" paragraph, delete bullet #2 in its entirety. The GNRC is no longer active and the IFC is removing from its bylaws. Other community relations avenues are being developed.</li> </ol> | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> |
| Recognition of Excellence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the "Rensselaer will" section, delete bullet #2 in its entirety to remove the requirement to publish the Greek Gazette or any newsletter.<br/>It was suggested to change "monthly" to "periodic" and "Chapter of the Month" to "Chapter of the Issue" in order to keep some responsibility of OFSA to promote Greek life to the chapters and administration. OFSA reports that The Greek Gazette has not been published in over a year, that chapters have agreed that they will submit articles to Poly since there is not enough content to make a Greek Gazette. OFSA states there is not enough man power to even create an annual report like the cohort schools of Cornell, Lehigh, and MIT; nor does it exist in Greek Dean performance management tool</li> </ul>   | OFSA   |

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| Safety, Sanitation, and Fire Protection | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the "Sanitation" paragraph, deleted the last two sentences that required an outside contractor to inspect the chapter houses each semester. This was deleted because the sanitation inspections had rarely been done or reported, nor were they pressed by Rensselaer.</li> <li>2. In the "Risk Managers" section, first paragraph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, change "... Rensselaer and the AIGC will conduct ..." to read "... Rensselaer will conduct ..." since RPI has the professionals to conduct them when resources are available</li> <li>▪ Delete in entirety the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence that discusses ramifications of missing training since other motivations exist for attaining attendance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. In the "Risk managers will" paragraph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, delete "(within one month of the fall training session provided for risk managers)"</li> <li>▪ Suggestions to delete bullets #2 and #4 entirely. Currently still there and are benign if left in for this revision.</li> </ul> <p>This removes the requirement and addresses the possibility that RPI may not have a fall training session due to not having the resources or manpower to hold it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet, change "... within 20 days ..." to read "... within 30 days ..." to make consistent with wording in other sections of the RS.</li> <li>▪ In the 9<sup>th</sup> bullet, change "... organized file, for AIGC and Rensselaer review ..." to read "... organized file for Rensselaer review ..."</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <p>AIGC</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> |
| Annual Review                           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revised and expanded 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to articulate the 5 Star Standards Accreditation process. Words were taken from the 5 Star application and the dates currently used by OFSA for submission of the application and the annual review. The 5 Star compliments the annual review process which has not gone away.</li> <li>2. In the first bulleted item, added ", including a review of recommendations from the previous year" to help facilitate the trending and tracking of progress for the chapters and make the 5 Star and annual review more of a living and positive process.</li> <li>3. To the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bullet, added "(See Appendix 7)" since due to an oversight the judicial process figure had not previously been referred to in the appd.</li> </ol>   | <p>OFSA/AIGC</p> <p>AIGC</p> <p>AIGC</p>   |
| Ratification & Amendment Process        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Changes from the 2004/2006 version</li> </ol>  |  |

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| Declaration of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Removed the "Approval of Document" paragraph words that were erroneously added by OFSA in 2006</li> <li>▪ Reverted back to original wording from 1991 edition that was part of the wording approved by the stakeholders in the 2004/2006 revision process.</li> <li>▪ This signatory sheet section will need some work for the current list of chapters and to keep pagination and room for signatures. AOE is missing and TKE and Phi Tau are here. – To come back in reinstatement, it might make sense to require those chapters to sign off on the Relationship Statement.</li> </ul> | <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> <p>AIGC/OFSA</p> |
| Appendix 1             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 2             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 3             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 4             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 5             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 6             | No change  |  |
| Appendix 7             | No change  |  |

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| Appendix 8  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the "Housing Assistance" section, delete in entirety the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet that states RPI will consider the option to "Co-sign as guarantor of payment." Even though this is only a "may consider" statement, DOSO will no longer accept liability of being co-signer as a guarantor of payment.</li> <li>2. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, changed "... APPENDIX 8 ..." to "... this appendix ..." to correct an oversight when the Greek Housing section was moved from the main body of the document to the Appendix 8 that had formerly been just about the Greek Housing Plan. This was missed during revision of 2004/2006.</li> <li>3. In the "Housing Plan" section, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, delete the last bullet that stated RPI would allow chapters to consider "moving into an on-campus housing facility"</li> </ol> <p>OFSA Currently this is being removed as RPI housing is over occupancy and there is the possibility that no housing could be afforded to those who need it and there is a moratorium on Greek houses being built. AIGC does not agree with this view. As the student housing plan develops, removal of this "option" would prevent some chapters without housing the opportunity for consideration and lose out on the now more widely distributed housing grants as part of financial aid packages. What would it mean for groups losing housing – say in a fire or flood?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. In the "Housing Plan" section, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, changes "... currently six ..." to "... currently eight..." to provide the update of number of chapters with no house.</li> <li>5. Correct the grammar typo of "who has" to "who have" in the sentence "Rensselaer will assist current Chapters in the Greek system who has the ability to arrange for financing of a Chapter house."</li> <li>6. In the bullet list under financial planning assistance, delete in entirety the first bullet that would have RPI consider to "co-sign as a guarantor of payment"</li> </ol> <p>Even though this is only a "may consider" statement, DOSO will no longer accept liability of being a co-signer</p> | <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>OFSA</p> <p>AIGC</p> <p>OFSA</p> |
| Appendix 9  | This section is the same, but added definitions from the NPC website and added clarifications to make the documented resolutions more consistent to the actual NPC resolutions. The resolutions were reordered by the date of adoption.   | AIGC  |
| Appendix 10 | <b>New Section:</b> Added NIC, FIPG, guidance resolutions on risk management that are included in the Event Management Manual created as a result of the "Initiatives" of 2006 and the "New Directions, New Opportunities" report of 2007. Some introductory wording is added to provide context of the information. Left the NPC resolutions on alcohol within Appendix 9 instead of repeating here.   | OFSA/AIGC   |
| Appendix 11 | <b>New Section:</b> As suggested by Chapter Advisers, added section to keep a record of responsibilities deleted by OFSA due to fiscal and personnel limitations in 2008.   | AIGC  |