A Letter from the Greek Advisor:

Dear Fraternity/Sorority Alumni, Advisors, and Friends:

As we wind down the spring semester I wanted to take a moment to share the positive progress we are continuing to see from our Greek chapters at Missouri S&T. As we position our Greek system to become one of the finest in the country, continuing the strong partnerships we have developed has helped us towards our shared commitment to excellence.

In our last newsletter we mentioned the development of GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol); I am happy to announce that the organization has been recommended for full student organization status. Another group recommended for full status is the National Pan-Hellenic Council. This particular organization will join Greek Independent Board, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council as an entity that is dedicated to supporting a group fraternities or sororities. Specifically the council was developed to provide support and accountability to our National Black Greek Letter Organizations. The addition of both organizations shows the continued growth and progress of our community as we constantly strive toward excellence.

I would also consider this year a success in terms of our collaborations within and outside the community. One example is our annual campus wide philanthropy Up Til Dawn. This was initially started by the Greek community but has increasingly become a collaborative partnership between our Greek community and Residence Life. There is more information provide in this newsletter about Up Til Dawn and the success we had from this year.

As many of you also know one signature event held every year is a battle of the bands type competition called Greek Sing. The Interfraternity Council really strived to get other Greek chapters involved in the event and this year we had our first ever National Black Greek Letter Organization participate. Specifically, the chapter that participated and took second place among all fraternities was Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

As a fraternity and sorority advisor my only objectives are to challenge, support, and advocate for our strong Greek system. However the most rewarding part of my job is being able to assist our student leaders in achieving their chapter, council, and/ or community goals. As you can see from above many positive changes have happened in our Greek system over the last few years however, we feel these changes, improvements, and successes may sometimes get lost in translation between campus and you…the alumni.

Integral to our current and future success is the collaboration among our key partners of actives, administration and alumni. We have achieved much success throughout the development of our Greek community but now we must constantly strive toward strengthening our relationships between you the Alumni and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life/ Student Life. I feel we both have a lot to offer our students as they strive toward excellence; through collaboration we will be able to continue the overall advancement of the Greek community. We look forward to the continued cooperation and progress that is sure to make the Missouri S&T Greek system a model for others to emulate.

If you have any questions or suggestions for achieving our mutual goals, feel free to contact me at 573-341-4329 or via e-mail at watsonb@mst.edu.

Interfraternally,

Brett Watson
Program Administrator for Fraternity and Sorority Life
Up Til Dawn, Three years and going!

For the third year in a row, our Greek Community has brought the campus together with this incredible initiative. The Up ‘til Dawn event from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, serves as a late-night philanthropic event, combined with fun, food, and games in order to raise money for and promote awareness of childhood cancer around the world. The photo above (right) is indicative of the major coordinators of the event: Mireille Paquette (Panhel), Jacob Zorn (RHA), and Bret Payne (IFC).

This year’s finale event occurred on April 26th, and featured a night full of “Minute to Win It” challenges, meeting a current patient-family from St. Jude and having David “The Dating Doctor” Coleman be the end of the night’s featured speaker. The night rounded out with the announcement of the winning fundraising teams (Sigma Phi Epsilon A) and the overall Up ‘Til Dawn winning chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon, who raised over $80 per member.

With a campus goal this year of $30,000 the Greek Community was able to raise a phenomenal $33,807.85 towards this national program. Combining the totals for the last 3 Up ‘til Dawn events, the campus has raised more than $80,000 to help in the fight against childhood cancer, and as this event continues to gain momentum, we are sure it will become a featured annual event for the S&T Campus.
New Initiatives

Greek Academy:

The OFSL is proud to announce the addition of the Greek Academy Program to our community programming. Currently comprised of two primary developmental tracks: Officer Skill Development (OSD) and New Member Education (NME), this initiative will serve as the primary hub for leadership and skill development from OFSL.

New Member Education:

The New Member Education track is a series of developmental programming targeting newly initiated members of our community. Ran by the Greek Captains, older Greeks who serve as mentors who are interviewed and trained, the new members will learn about campus policies, resources, leaving a legacy, and have the ability to connect with both peers and upperclassmen in the community.

Greek Captain Program:

A Greek Captain is an upper-class undergraduate student who will oversee approximately 10-15 new members through the program. The Greek Captain relationship begins during the semester prior to when the Greek Academy will be held, and ends at the conclusion of the event. This individual should be a positive role model for newly initiated members of the Greek Community and are expected to provide support and guidance throughout the duration of the term. These mentors will aid in the facilitation of activities and logistical operations of the OFSL Greek Academy for the spring semester of 2014. Mentors will work side-by-side with one another and collaborate with both students and staff on a regular basis.

Officer Skill Development:

The Officer Development track consists of two main seminar blocks which will host sessions targeting specific officer positions within the chapter. These positions include, but are not limited to: President, Vice President, Risk Manager, House Manager, Treasurer, Public Relations, etc. One main goal for these sessions is that they are hosted by non-campus professionals.
**New Initiatives**

**Greek Academy:**

The OFSL wants to thank all alumni and advisors who helped in the planning of the program for participating in the first Greek Academy as they helped make it a huge success. With well over 100 students participating in its first year, as a voluntary program, the OFSL was pleased to see the students give such great feedback of both tracks. A special thanks to the following individuals for being major assets for our Officer Skill Development Track:

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We hope to continue expanding the potential impact of this program in every facet. In an effort to keep the students continually engaging all community stakeholders, the OFSL heavily encourages any alumni interested in being a part of this program in the future contact the office at greeks@mst.edu.

**Awards and Recognition:**

Every year, the Greek Community recognizes its chapters and individuals for outstanding performance in various areas. Below is are some of the awards given this past Spring:

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Commitment to Excellence:

As the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life strives to uplift and aid in advancing our Fraternity and Sorority community, we would like to remind everyone of two resources for all of our chapters. The two resources available to our community are the Recruitment Resource Guide, and the Greek Leadership Manual. All chapters have been informed of these two resources. Currently our website is going through some changes so neither are presently available online but we would be happy to email them to anyone interested.

The Recruitment Resource Guide contains a variety of information which could be utilized to improve a chapter’s recruitment efforts. Overall, the guide is separated into six categories which include the following: Communication, Marketing, Recruitment Basics, Values-Based Recruitment, Recruitment Chair Information, and Additional Resources.

Within each category you will find various tools, exercises, articles, and information. By utilizing the guide chapters should be able to positively impact their current recruitment practices by either adjusting current practices or adding in additional components.

In order to further assist our chapters the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life has continued to provide recruitment workshops. During the workshops we teach our chapters how they could utilize the information in the recruitment resource guide to their advantage. Workshops will continue to develop based on interest and need. Some of our past workshops have included the following:

Informational Table:
- Focused on the creation of an informational table, first impressions, and early communication during initial meetings with potential new members. Engaged students in a discussion centered around identifying past issues with early recruitment, and how to address them.

Marketing verses Branding:
- Elaborated on the difference between marketing and branding, the importance of each, and how to create a brand, and a marketing strategy to complement it. This presentation also included the key factors that impact effective communication.

Being Selective from the Start:
- This session challenged chapters to focus on recruitment, from a retention perspective. The presentation is engage students in a discussion about current recruitment issues and how they can be addressed by recruiting for the future.

The Greek Leadership Manual is a great resource for any leader in the Greek community. This manual will help provide additional resources for chapters to strengthen their current Risk Management process but also become aware of how to handle a situation in the event of a crisis. This manual is NOT something the chapters must follow but rather a tool they can utilize to strengthen/improve current practices. Specifically the manual includes the following categories: Important University Contacts and Campus Resources, Student Life, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Risk Management, Crisis Management, and the Greek Leadership Retreat.

SP2014 Academics

Many chapters had a decrease in their academic performance when compared to the Fall 2013 semester. Therefore we are still below all of the major categories (All Student, All Female, All Male). The academic reports are posted for each semester once grades are released. The link below will take you to the appropriate webpage.

[http://studentlife.mst.edu/greek/academicresources/](http://studentlife.mst.edu/greek/academicresources/)