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Howdy Aggie Greeks & Stakeholders!

As you should be aware, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) has been working diligently over the last year to identify ways we can enhance the fraternity and sorority experience at Texas A&M University. Specifically, we have used the guidance of the Fraternity and Sorority Excellence Committee to explore twenty initiatives developed by the fourteen senior student affairs officers in the Southeastern Conference (SEC). This fall we will be putting these initiatives into action. As a friendly reminder of the work done by the Excellence Committee, we highly encourage that you visit the committee website: https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/resources/fsl-excellence-committee/. This site was established to provide full transparency on the work we've been doing to enhance the Aggie Greek experience. Please take some time to review this information.

With our enhancement initiatives solidified, we are preparing to send external communication to the campus community and we want to you to be the first to receive this information. Below you will find a draft of the press release that will be going out in the next week or two. Please note that OFSL will provide you with more details on each initiative. Feel free to contact OFSL at 979-862-5636 with your questions or concerns.

Texas A&M University Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life has announced its enhanced initiatives to better align the fraternity and sorority community with university values. The implementation of the initiatives will begin fall 2019.

The initiatives are being implemented through a partnership with the four fraternity and sorority councils, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the Texas A&M Fraternity and Sorority Life Excellence Committee. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Excellence Committee was formed in 2018 to examine 20 strategies developed by the fourteen senior student affairs officers in the Southeastern Conference (SEC). These initiatives target the safety and well-being of fraternity and sorority communities, as well as develop best practices that will ensure Aggie Greeks are at the forefront of Greek Excellence. These initiatives have been integrated into the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life's strategic plan.

"Texas A&M University and the Division of Student Affairs are committed to the Aggie core values and strongly support our fraternity and sorority life continued aspiration to the core value of excellence," said Dr. Danny Pugh, Vice President for Student Affairs. "I am especially thankful to the membership of the FSL Excellence Committee for taking up this charge to be a national leader in fraternity and sorority life while embracing the values that make us uniquely Aggies. This collaboration amongst SEC member institutions is consistent with similar successful efforts for student athletes and student governments. I strongly believe through the alignment of conference-wide best practices and student fraternity and sorority life leaders we will set an example for the nation."

Throughout the implementation process strategic communication will be released to

impacted audiences including chapter presidents, advisors, prospective new members, headquarters, and the campus community. These communications will include information relating to a Greek financial enhancement dues, submission of new member education plans, required Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) programs, fire code restrictions for social events, and enhanced expansion processes.

For more information on the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life strategic plan and the 20 SEC initiatives, visit https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/resources/fsl-excellence-committee/

About The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life: Promoting values-based leadership among the 55+ inter/national Greek-letter organizations and supporting the mission of Texas A&M University, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) provides strategic direction to and advisement to the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC).

Sincerely,

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