DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES



MEMORANDUM

TO: Texas A&M University Fraternity and Sorority Community

THROUGH: Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Department of Student Activities

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DATE: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Greek Enhancement Dues Effective January 2020

This memo serves as a formal notice for the implementation of the Greek Enhancement Due beginning spring 2020. As you prepare for the spring 2020 term, we hope this information serves as a point of reference in your financial planning process. It is extremely important that you understand how the Greek Enhancement Due will impact you. We strongly encourage you to share this information with anyone assisting you with your tuition and fees.

Each fall and spring semester for the duration of your Greek membership at Texas A&M University, a \$25 Greek Enhancement Due will appear on your student bill. Billing will begin in January for the spring 2020 semester. No dues will be collected during summer sessions. These funds will be used to support the Aggie Greek community.

Evolution of the Greek Enhancement Due

In 2017-2018, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) developed a strategic plan that addresses seven priority themes to be reviewed from 2018-2023. Concurrently, a coalition, consisting of the Vice President for Student Affairs from the Southeastern Conference (SEC) institutions, met and developed 20 strategies for SEC fraternity and sorority communities. In July 2018, a charge was submitted to the Department of Student Activities to implement a Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) Excellence Committee. The committee was created to:

- 1. Implement a plan of action that addresses 20 excellence strategies identified by the SEC coalition
- 2. Assess the progress and impact that this plan has on the Texas A&M fraternity and sorority community
- 3. Continue to develop next and best practices that will ensure Aggie Greeks are at the forefront of Greek Excellence.

The 20 initiatives, along with the work completed by the FSL Excellence Committee, can be found at the website https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/resources/fsl-excellence-committee/.

The confluence of the OFSL strategic plan and FSL Excellence Committee created an opportunity to enhance the Aggie Greek community through intentional infrastructure, training and education, health and safety measures, and enhanced communication of the Aggie Greek story and brand. The Greek Enhancement Due is one of the steps to meet these goals.

For More Information

While this is a change for the Aggie Greek Community, there are exciting opportunities ahead. We are hosting a town hall meeting to share more information and provide time for you to ask questions. It will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 19</u>, <u>2019 in MSC 2400 at 6:30 p.m.</u> Department of Student Activities and Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life representatives will be in attendance to answer questions. For any questions, please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at aggiegreeklife@tamu.edu.

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Important Dates

October 24, 2019 November 4-10, 2019 November 19, 2019 January 2020 Aggie Greek Assembly Meeting in Rudder Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. Submit Town Hall Questions via www.slido.com using code #85097

Aggie Greek Town Hall Meeting in MSC 2400 at 6:30 p.m.

First collection of Greek Enhancement Dues

Frequently Asked Questions

For more information about the Greek Enhancement Dues, review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) here: https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/resources/fsl-excellence-committee/.