Dickinson College’s Greek organizations are recognized by the Faculty of the College on the authority of the All-College Committee on Enrollment and Student Life. Greek organizations provide many opportunities to get involved, develop leadership skills, succeed academically, grow as an individual, make lasting friendships and serve the College and Carlisle communities. Greek organizations have been a part of Dickinson College for over 150 years.

The Greek community is advised by the Dean of Students Office. Fraternities are governed by the Interfraternity Council (originally established in 1859) and sororities are governed by the College Panhellenic Association (originally established in 1907). These groups are the local organizations charged with fulfilling the objectives of the North-American Interfraternity Conference and National Panhellenic Conference. These groups guide, support, develop and regulate their respective communities, and enforce College and individual organization policies. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association promote academic excellence and opportunities for engaged learning among all fraternity and sorority members in addition to sponsoring social and service activities throughout the academic year.

The recruitment processes for both men and women are established and implemented under the oversight of the IFC and Panhellenic Association at the will of the College. Women are invited to join a sorority in the fall of their sophomore year provided they meet minimum eligibility criteria (information about sorority recruitment can be obtained by sending an e-mail request to panhel@dickinson.edu). Men are invited to join a fraternity in the spring of their first year (information about fraternity recruitment can be obtained by sending an e-mail request to ifc@dickinson.edu). Approximately twenty-five percent of the Dickinson student body affiliates with a Greek organization.

Along with the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA), the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA), and several men’s and women’s fraternities, Dickinson College endorses the Risk Management Policy of the Fraternal Information & Programming Group, Inc. (FIPG) and chooses to use this policy as the minimum standard by which all Dickinson College Greek chapters will have their risk management policies, practices and procedures evaluated. A complete copy of the FIPG Risk Management Manual can be obtained in the Dean of Students office.

Dickinson’s recognized chartered fraternities are Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma. The College also recognizes colonies of Sigma Lambda Beta and Kappa Alpha Psi. The College’s recognized chartered sororities are Delta Nu, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. The College also recognizes colonies of Sigma Lambda Gamma and Delta Sigma Theta.
Should a Dickinson student choose to join a fraternity or sorority that has been expelled, suspended or is otherwise not in good standing with the College there may be consequences for the student individually, up to and including expulsion from the College.

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