

## **Kappa Kappa Gamma HOUSE CHARTER**

*Each house is responsible for completing a House Charter, which reflects the values, core expectations and purpose of the house. The charter acts as a guide and provides insight into the philosophy and character of the House.*

*Charters are unique based on the needs of each house. Below are some questions that will help you review your charter. You do not need to maintain this format, nor do you need to answer all of these questions. These questions are intended to help houses brainstorm.*

### **Purpose, values, and philosophy**

Our house's mission is to provide a safe, comfortable and accessible place for sisters to convene and/or live. This house solidifies our presence as a sorority here on campus, which before the house we did not have. This house can be used at any time by any member, it is not subject to use only by residents. We also want our sisters to share this space with their friends from other clubs, sports teams, etc.

### **Expectations of house members**

To live in the house is to uphold everything this Fraternity stands for: " bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles." - Mission Statement

As house members, being aware that this house is not just for them is important. Living in the house is an amazing privilege. If a member is not meeting the expectations of the house, there will be a disciplinary meeting held by the House Chairman, President, and VPO of Standards to discuss whether further action is needed.

### **Positions within house**

Elections are held every semester for positions within this organization. The house manager must apply for the position, and then is voted in by sorority members. Faculty/staff advisors are chosen by Dickinson College. The advisor works with the House Chairman to ensure all needs are met. The house Chairman is a position on CC board, thus the member cannot hold any other positions.

### **Meetings**

How often do house meetings occur? Where do they happen? Who attends meetings? Who leads them? How is the agenda developed? What is the purpose of the meetings? What do you hope to achieve within meetings? How are decisions made within the house?

House meetings occur once-per month in the common space. House members and the House Chairman meet to discuss any questions or concerns. The agenda is developed by the House

Chairman (and sometimes the President if necessary). Monthly meetings will serve the purpose of checking in with members.

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### **Application process**

Interest is gathered during chapter meetings. We are still in the process of determining an application process. Currently, members are asked to write to the House Chairman, explaining why they would be a good fit for the house. Once there is enough to fill the space, a random lottery selection is conducted. Ten girls are able to live in the house. A waiting list is maintained for girls who are studying abroad but wish to live in the house upon returning to campus.

### **Community standards**

What are the community standards for the house (i.e. quiet hours, cleaning schedule, etc.)? How are these developed? What is the process when someone or the house is not maintaining these community standards?

Be respectful during the week. No loud music or guests past 10pm (like most on-campus dorms). Clean up after yourself and clean your own room. Housekeeping cleans all common spaces and bathrooms 1x week.

### **Programming**

Most events happening in the house throughout the year are sisterhood events. However, moving forward we would like to host more events that are open to the whole campus, not just Greek life. The social chair will plan these events with assistance from the house chairman.

### **Semester and year goals**

- Continue Decorating our house with KKG memorabilia
- Adding Outdoor Seating and other furniture to the house
- Securing a roster for Spring 2020
- More house events
- Make the house a comfortable space for everyone in Kappa, not just house members