

Dear FSL Community,

The health and safety of our fraternity and sorority community members will always be paramount.

Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) believes a thoughtful and necessary response to cancel events, as well as adjust other gatherings to virtual/remote outlets -- such as Blackboard Collaborate, Google Hangout, Zoom, etc. -- is the strongest course of action. FSL represents a sense of belonging for so many; and during these challenging moments, we know you will lean on one another for connections and support.

FSL adheres to further details about events and our annual student organization registration process following the [President Killian's email](#) to the entire U of I System and [UIC email](#) regarding COVID-19.

- Be certain you **first** thoroughly review the **email update from the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), subject line "UIC Student Organization Events and Annual Registration"** [additionally attached as a PDF for reference], which has shared policies universally to all student organization leaders and advisors.
- **From this update, some of your organization events are now *automatically canceled for you*, and additional guidance can help you through adjustments to events that remain in place.**
- ***These supplemental notes below from FSL provide reminders and nuanced planning.***

#### **Chapter Membership Intake Practices / New Member Education**

**With safety as priority, and as many of your planned events may already be automatically be canceled for you based on their size, location, etc.,** chapters hosting a current spring 2020 semester membership intake or new member education should best proceed in one of the following ways:

- (a) **Adjust** Membership Intake / New Member Education, to go **Remotely/Virtually**:
  - Exercise this plan ***by adjusting as many of the normally in-person experiences and educational programs to remote and other virtual models, wherever possible.***
  - Host these virtual gatherings on the same dates and time frames as you would normally host them if they were in-person, wherever possible.
  - We understand that not every intake experience or new member education gathering can translate perfectly into a remote/virtual gathering. Consider what components of your program are truly essential **-and- Please Consult** with your appropriate regional, national, or international organization staff, and advisor(s) to determine if you have the **support and approval** from your organization to proceed in this fashion.
    - If so, have these same staff and your advisor(s) support you with remote/virtual outlets, including continuing to complete weekly online modules (for those who already use them); hosting new member meetings via Blackboard Collaborate, Google Hangout, Zoom, and/or other forms of telecommunication; and communicating important messages over email and shareable files.
- (b) **Pause** Membership Intake / New Member Education, Resuming at a **TBD Date**:
  - Exercise this plan with the **support and approval** from your appropriate regional, national, or international organization staff, and advisor(s), such that any a paused program or educational experience can be given approval to resume at a future date TBD.
  - If you seek to a process to resume later, please first inform Kevin Cane and Lori Marshall over email ([uicgreek@uic.edu](mailto:uicgreek@uic.edu)) of such desire, so that we can consult with you, your advisors, and appropriate staff on permitted dates/windows this spring and fall 2020.  
**\*\* The final permitted date for any spring 2020 activity related to intake / new member education for any FSL chapter is May 1, 2020.**

### **New Member Presentation Shows/Reveals**

- We will ***not*** approve any new member presentation shows/reveals this spring 2020.
- All chapters previously planning to host a Spring New Member Presentation Show/Reveal should now prepare for a future **social media** posting as the equivalent of the public presentation/reveal.

### **Chapter (Business) Meetings**

-All chapters are encouraged to convert all regular chapter (business) meeting into remote/virtual meetings, utilizing technology best accessible to the greatest sum of the chapter's membership. Examples may include Blackboard Collaborate, Google Hangout, Zoom, and/or other forms of telecommunication, sending important messages via email and shareable files.

**Meet ONLINE:** Where possible, organizers can explore ways of conducting the event through livestreaming or other technology.

- Blackboard Collaborate: <https://accu.uic.edu/services/communication-collaboration/conferencing/bb-collaborate/>
- Google Hangout: <https://accu.uic.edu/services/communication-collaboration/conferencing/google-hangouts-meet/>
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/pricing>

### **FSL-Sponsored or Hosted Trainings / Educational Programs -&- Officer Meetings**

-We will continue to update you as to if/when FSL-sponsored or hosted trainings and educational programs will be canceled, postponed, or be executed in different formats – including use of Blackboard Collaborate, Google Hangout, Zoom, etc. – as we confirm safety.

-Routine 1-on-1 meetings with council or chapter officers can still be held, and each FSL staff advisor may connect with individual officers to adjust to virtual gatherings, as necessary.

### **FSL / GPB Events**

-**Greek Week** (April 3-9, 2020) will be ***canceled for spring 2020***, with more information available when the university updates us as to an appropriate future hosting in the year ahead.

-**FSL Awards** (April 25, 2020) will be ***canceled for spring 2020***, with more information available when the university updates us as to an appropriate future hosting in the year ahead.

**All other FSL / GPB sponsored or hosted events are also suspended until further notice.**

**\*\* Please stay current with UIC campus specific updates here: <https://today.uic.edu/coronavirus>**

Please of course feel free to connect with us here in the office, Student Center East (SCE) Suite 340, 312-413-5070, or over email, as we are here to provide a personal approach in this time of transition.

*In community,*

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