**KE Sisterhood Expectations & Attendance Policy**

Spring 2012

This document aims to provide a clear understanding of the expectations and point system of the Tau Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. We hope this gives you a glimpse of all the opportunities and exciting events that you have to look forward to in the coming year as a member of the KE fraternity. These lists are not by any means exhaustive and we are open to including other ideas as possible activities that will be awarded points. Those members who demonstrate exemplary participation and service to our fraternity will be invited to attend a special recognition ceremony with members of the executive board.

*Community Service Events*

As a professional, pharmacy fraternity a major goal of ours is to provide education and outreach events that help meet the needs of our surrounding communities and align with the national initiatives of the Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. We provide education and support throughout the year especially focusing on breast cancer and cervical cancer prevention and awareness. We also look forward to launching the Pharmacy Career Opportunity Recruitment Project (PharmCORP) in Fall 2012 which will also provide unique opportunities for sisters to reach out to students in the local community and educate them on what a great career option being a pharmacist really provides.

* **Breast Cancer Walk & Relay for Life** are our major outreach walks of the year. It allows us to able to join together will hundreds of other members of our community and raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. It is expected that all sisters participate in representing KE at these events.

*Fundraising Participation*

Much of the dues paid by each member is allocated to pay for the national membership of each student in our fraternity. Fundraising allows us to put on events, have dinners and other fun get togethers and plays an integral role in ensuring we can continue to have an positive impact on the SOP through our events. It is expected that sisters will attend or participate in at least five fundraising events a year

* **Skate for the Cure** is our major fundraising event of the year for Susan G Komen for the Cure. We hope that all sisters will be able to attend and help us in advertising for this event. The date of Skate for the Cure will be announced as far in advance as possible and will preferably be set for a Friday evening. Sisters who are unable to attend this event may be asked to take on additional roles to support our fraternity in this event such as helping with t-shirt sales, advertising efforts, etc. It is expected that all sisters purchase the SFTC t-shirt and admittance fee as a donation to Susan G Komen for the Cure regardless of their presence at the event.
* **Brinner** is another KE tradition of providing breakfast for dinner for the school of pharmacy. This fundraiser is something both the student body and faculty look forward to and we can’t wait to put on another amazing event this year! Sisters should be prepared to bring a dish, help with set up and or clean up, and promote the event to the rest of the school.

*Bond Building Activities & Fraternal Recruitment*

Much of the draw to this fraternity since its creation at VCU School of Pharmacy has been the unity and bond of sisterhood among its members. We look forward to continuing this tradition through social activities and sisterhood events. It is also, essential to the success of our fraternity that we continue to attract and support potential new members as they transition into full sisterhood.

* **Rush Events** are a key way that our fraternity gets to share some of the great things we are able to accomplish and fun events we participate in annually with potential new members. All sisters should plan to attend these events and play an active role in getting to know potential new members. This includes both KE Rush events as well as IFC Dean’s Hour and IFC Social each semester.
* **Pledge Ceremony & Celebration** are two of the most exciting sisterhood events of the year. With the traditions, secrecy to potential new members, and great food and fun all sisters are expected to participate in this event, regardless of their individual family’s involvement, to welcome the new sisters to our fraternity.
* **Bimonthly Meetings** are an essential way that we keep up to date on activities in our fraternity and get a chance to take time out of our busy schedules to meet with the rest of fraternity as a whole. It is expected that sisters attend these hour- long, lunchtime meetings including the KE Dean’s Hour and stay abreast of all fraternal involvement and information discussed during these meetings. Please remember you are a representative of KE within your classmates. As such you may be approached for information from a classmate on upcoming events KE is putting on throughout the year and it is your responsibility to have this information or know who to contact to find out further details.

If you are for any reason unable to attend a mandatory event, it is expected that you still remain active in your support of the fraternity through participation in advertising and/or planning of the event. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a required event, please inform the recording secretary as early as possible of your absence, so that KE funds are not spent on your behalf when you will not be present at the event. Each sister may have one unexcused absence from a mandatory event per semester and still remain in good standing with the fraternity. It is up to each member to ensure she will be able to accrue at least six voluntary attendance points through non-required events as listed in the 2012 KE Expectations & Attendance Policy Document.

If you have any questions or concerns about events, policies or other announcements made throughout the year, please speak with any members on the KE executive board or feel free to email the KE President at any point.

*I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print), have read the above description of community service, fundraising, and fraternal bonding activities and agree to uphold my obligations to the Tau Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity by participating in these events. I understand that if I am unable to attain the number of points necessary to remain in good standing with our fraternity I will be asked to meet with the KE Executive Board and explain whether I desire to continue the commitment that I made to our fraternity for life, in the future.*

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