

RMU Policy on Fraternity/Sorority Expansion and Recognition of New Chapters (DRAFT)

Robert Morris University recognizes the potential offered by social fraternities and sororities to students in the areas of personal development, connection to a worldwide network, and improving the world. In recent years RMU has experienced significant growth in both the number of chapters and the number of members. Therefore, the university places the following restrictions on the establishment of new chapters:

Sovereignty

Robert Morris University is a private, independent university and thusly exercises its right to restrict which external organizations may organize and recruit its students in association with the university.

Campus Expansion Status

Unless otherwise communicated in writing, organizations should consider Robert Morris University “closed” for expansion without expressed permission granted by the Vice President of Student Life or his/her designee. Governing councils do not have authority to issue invitations or recognition to new groups.

Preferred Expansion Initiation

RMU prefers the following expansion processes (in preferential order):

1. Student interest group
2. University invitation to establish chapter
3. Headquarters/Graduate chapter request to establish chapter

No Local Organizations

All newly established or recognized chapters must be affiliated with a national or international fraternity or sorority. RMU will not recognize or allow for the establishment of a local (RMU only) fraternity or sorority.

Criteria for Review of Interested Parties

RMU will consider the following criteria when considering interest in the establishment or recognition of a new fraternity or sorority:

- a. Number of fraternities and sororities with recognition
- b. Membership trends for existing fraternity or sorority chapters
- c. University enrollment trends
- d. Previously chartered chapter at RMU
- e. Chapter’s fit within one of the following: Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, or Multicultural Greek Council.

RMU is only interested in affiliation with city-wide and multi-campus chapters if there is an agreed-upon pathway for the establishment of an RMU-only campus chapter of that organization.

The establishment of National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sorority chapters must adhere to NPC policy and policy on *Extension*.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at (412) 397-6487.