Gopher Accreditation: Standards for Fraternities and Sororities

Purpose:
In order to better support fraternities and sororities at the University of Minnesota, the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life has developed an accreditation program that focuses on the management of our organizations. This document will serve as the guide for OFSL’s ability to inform (inter)national headquarters regarding a chapters’ status at UMN. The Gopher Standards Checklist will be maintained in OFSL and will be the responsibility of the chapter to complete before May 1st and December 1st of each year.

Status Levels
Gold Status:
The Gold status is for chapters that complete 100% of the standards by the deadline. These chapters will be deemed in good-standing with OFSL and will be reported to their HQs as completing this level of standing. These chapters are qualified for letters of recommendation for their national awards, SUA and OSA grant funding, and all items associated with Maroon status.

Maroon Status:
The Maroon status is for chapters receiving 80% or more of the standards by the deadline. These chapters will be in good-standing with OFSL and will be reported to their national HQs as completing this level of standing. Chapters will be eligible for Greek Awards. Chapters will be provided with letters of good standing for their national awards. However, these chapters will not be eligible for letters of recommendation or grant funding.

No Accreditation:
All chapters not meeting the criteria will be placed in bad-standing. This will be reported in annual reports to HQs and OFSL will not provide letters of support for national awards or supplemental letters of good standing. Chapters without accreditation are not considered for Greek Awards. Grant funding and letters of recommendation will not be provided.

Chapters who are not accredited for two consecutive semesters will be subject to loss of organization status/recognition for one semester and all privileges that are provided (room reservations, Homecoming and Spring Jam events, etc). Three consecutive semesters can result in a more long-term loss of recognition and will be subject to OFSL.

Scoring
Scoring and management of the checklists will be overseen by your direct contact adviser. Chapter leadership will meet monthly with OFSL and help to track progress. OFSL will not specifically reach out to chapters for completion. Chapters will be notified after the recording period of their status.