Dear Greek Organizations,

One of the foundational pillars to be a member of a Greek organization at Montclair State University and found all over the country is the emphasis on scholarship. First and foremost, academics are the student’s primary responsibility when attending a university and therefore the Office of Greek Life is establishing a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) for membership. This initiative will begin in Spring of 2015 by mandating all individuals to maintain a 2.5 GPA to join. Beginning in the Fall of 2015, all current members of the Greek community will have to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA to stay an active member within the community. Over the next three years, the GPA minimum will be raised yearly until a 2.7 GPA minimum is established.

Beginning in the Fall of 2015 semester, those who are current members of Greek organizations must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA for every semester they are active within a Greek organization. Therefore, any member who falls between a 2.0 and the minimum GPA for that semester will be deemed on Greek academic probation. They will need to sign a Greek Academic Probation Contract with the Office of Greek Life and the respective university academic services department (Center for Advising and Student Transitions (CAST) or Academic Success and Retention Programs (ASRP)). The student will be required to have monthly check-in meetings with the Coordinator of Greek Life to discuss goal setting and time management as it relates to being a member of a Greek organization. They will also have to schedule three meetings throughout a semester with CAST/ASRP to go over their academic progress to ensure they are placing academics first. These conversations can include but are not limited to reviewing grades on weekly assignments, tests, midterm progress, and final exams.

While on Greek academic probation, current members will be permitted to attend Greek wide and chapter events. During the probation period, members must demonstrate academic progress. If their GPA decreases while on probation, they will be made inactive for the follow semester. After two consecutive semesters on Greek academic probation and/or inactive status, members who have not reached the minimum GPA requirement will be deemed permanently inactive and will be no longer recognized by the Greek community.

To continue to promote academic success within the Greek community, over the next three years we will implement a higher minimum GPA requirement for current members and those who wish to join Greek Life (this is in addition to the 2.5 GPA requirement for new members in Spring 2015). For the first year (August 2015 – May 2016) the minimum will be a 2.5, in the second year (August 2016 – May 2017) it will be a 2.6, and in the third year (August 2017 – May 2018) it will be a 2.7. Please note that as the minimum requirement changes each year, every current Greek member will need to meet that new minimum requirement in addition to anyone wishing to join the Greek community.

By upholding our standards of academic success with the members of the Greek community our second initiative will be the posting of the previous semester’s GPA for each organization at the beginning of the semester. This information will be made available to the organizations and advisors through email along with being posted in the Greek Life portal on HawkSync. By implementing this, organizations will be able to view their academics publically along with those wishing to join a Greek organization.

The Office of Greek Life has the responsibility to challenge and support all current and prospective members to achieve academic success. Through these newly implemented initiatives, Greek Life will make great strides in improving scholarship within the Greek community and throughout Montclair State University.
TO SUMMARIZE:

**Beginning in Spring 2015**

- The average semester GPA of each chapter will be posted online and made available to the community.
- For students to join Greek Organizations they must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Individuals will not be able to join a Greek organization until they meet this requirement.

**Beginning in Fall 2015**

- Existing members with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above are deemed **ACTIVE**
- Existing members with a cumulative GPA between a 2.0 and 2.49 will be on **GREEK ACADEMIC PROBATION**
  - Members will be off **GREEK ACADEMIC PROBATION** once they improve their cumulative GPA to 2.5 or above.
  - Being on Greek Academic Probation and/or inactive status for 2 consecutive semesters without reaching the minimum after the 2 semesters will result in being **PERMANENTLY INACTIVE**
- Existing members with a cumulative GPA below a 2.0 are deemed **INACTIVE**
  - Inactive members who have improved their GPA to the minimum requirement can be re-recognized if they were not deemed Inactive for 2 consecutive semesters AND are still an undergraduate student. To do so, they must schedule a meeting with the Coordinator of Greek Life.
  - Being on Greek Academic Probation and/or Inactive status for 2 consecutive semesters without reaching the minimum after 2 semester will result in being **PERMANENTLY INACTIVE**

**Established GPA requirements (timeline)**

- January 2015-May 2016 minimum grade point average for NEW members will be a 2.5
- August 2015 - May 2016 minimum grade point average for ALL members will be 2.5
- August 2016 - May 2017 minimum grade point average for ALL members will be 2.6
- August 2017 - May 2018 minimum grade point average for ALL members will be 2.7

**Examples:**

**Example 1: Fall 2015**
- Semester 1 = 2.3 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 2 = 2.6 **Active**

**Example 2: Fall 2015**
- Semester 1 = 2.2 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 2 = 2.3 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 3 = 2.4 **Permanently Inactive**

**Example 3: Fall 2015**
- Semester 1 = 2.2 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 2 = 2.3 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 3 = 2.6 **Active**

**Example 4: Fall 2015**
- Semester 1 = 2.2 **Greek Academic probation**
- Semester 2 = 2.1 **Inactive for Semester**
- Semester 3 = 2.4 **Permanently Inactive**

Best,
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