

Resolution #GCC21-5
Repeal Substance Free Housing in Grand Chapter Bylaws APP

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon Administrative Policies and Procedures Section 4 - Addendum to the Risk Management Policies and Procedure Improve the Fraternal Experience Through Nationwide Substance-Free Facilities shall be eliminated and made void due to its detrimental effect to the national fraternity's membership, retention, and local chapters whose universities will not adopt a like-minded policy which places the local Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters at a considerable disadvantage when competing with other IFC affiliated organizations; and

WHEREAS

The policy has not met its intended effects since it was adopted in 2017; and

WHEREAS

The costs of risk management insurance have not fallen enough to compensate for the substantial loss in membership numbers felt by chapters across the nation, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic which saw a decrease in membership across all Fraternity and Sorority organizations; and

WHEREAS

The hope of Sigma Phi Epsilon for other Greek organizations to adopt like-minded policies has been negligible and unsubstantial placing Sigma Phi Epsilon in a precarious position in the Fraternal community; and

WHEREAS

Without the ability of chapters to hold social events with alcohol Sigma Phi Epsilon members are losing the critical professional skill of social etiquette at events with alcohol that they will undoubtedly encounter later in professional careers and adulthood; therefore be it

RESOLVED

That Administrative Policies and Procedures Section 4 - Addendum to the Risk Management Policies and Procedure Improve the Fraternal Experience Through Nationwide Substance-Free Facilities shall be eliminated and support be given to chapters across the nation to convert towards risk managed social events with alcohol at their chapter facilities in order to ensure the cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love are met as well as the purpose of the Balanced Man Program in Building Balanced Men through continual development throughout the collegiate experience.

Committee: Bylaws Red Committee
Committee Recommends: Defeat
Grand Chapter Action: Defeat

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