



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Fraternity & Sorority Chapter Presidents  
Chapter Members, Alumni Volunteers  
(Inter) National Organization Leadership  
North-American Interfraternity Conference  
National Panhellenic Conference

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RE: Fraternity & Sorority Life Alcohol Task Force Update

We hope this message finds you doing well and excited for the upcoming academic year! Prior to everyone returning to campus, we wanted to take the opportunity to recap the work that leaders of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils have been doing this summer, along with administration, staff, faculty, alumni, headquarters and community partners. As stated in the May letter from the IFC and PHC Council Presidents, we have created an FSL Alcohol Task Force to work on creating safer environments for all members of the fraternity and sorority community.

While the task force has been hard at work, much work remains ahead. It is expected the Alcohol Task Force will make “substantial progress” on the issues surrounding alcohol and the social culture in the fraternity and sorority community (see the former Vice President of Student Life’s response here <https://vp.studentlife.uiowa.edu/news/memo-phc-ifc/>). With the full support of the University of Iowa administration, **the moratorium on events with alcohol placed on the fraternity and sorority community in May will remain in effect until further notice**. It is important for all chapter members, as well as alumni, and other stakeholders, to understand the potential consequences should a chapter be found in violation of the moratorium. These consequences include, but are not limited to:

### Interfraternity Council Chapters

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
  - a. Participation in University of Iowa/IFC sponsored formal recruitment – *Revoked*
  - b. Social Probation for a minimum of six months during the academic term following end of moratorium

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense
  - a. Review of chapter status with University of Iowa officials for potential suspension or complete loss of recognition

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Through the work of the Alcohol Task Force, all of the members participating are deeply invested in the health of the fraternity and sorority community to create the best possible experience while keeping *the safety of all our current and future members as our first priority*. In order to do this, we must begin by holding each other accountable for behavior as a community. The primary goal of each of us is to ensure the community is better than when we began this process and with the help of each and every one of you, we will accomplish that. Fraternity and Sorority Life at Iowa is a shared enterprise, with the student years being one part of the overall membership experience. With the support of this endeavor by University officials as well as volunteers, alumni, advisors, health experts, faculty, and more we are making a difference. The status quo is no longer acceptable, nor are we aligned with the values fraternity and sorority founders articulated when each of our organizations began. Our goal is to leave our community better than we found it, and with a collective commitment, we believe we can reach this critical milestone.

We look forward to seeing all of you back on campus soon and involving you in this important process as well!

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