

# Beyond Parties & PNMs:

A Collaborative  
Approach to Working  
with Sororities

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# History of Partnership

Why it started

What it looks like today

‘14-15: Student-driven desire to partner with campus offices

‘15-16: Opportunity to solidify collaborative advising approach

‘16-17: Increased intentionality

Thematic

Rhythm of sorority life

Importance of collaboration

# Positive Outcomes

Agenda spot: dedicated time at weekly meeting

Invited to observe Formal Recruitment

Provide general feedback to community and specific to each chapter

Chapter consultations

Number of sorority women at Women's Center events

Women's Empowerment Summit 2016

Women's Center as stronger advocate for women in sororities

# *Likable Leadership* -Meg Kelly, Kappa Alpha Theta

“One of the more engaging components of these meetings comes when the director of the Women’s Center offers “Rita’s Rants/Raves/Reflections.” During this time, Rita Jones, the center director, discusses ideas that relate the tenants of feminine leadership to the Greek system, particularly for those of us who hold officer positions.”

<http://thebrownandwhite.com/2016/10/02/likable-leadership/>

Nearly 84% of the women indicated wanting to be liked affected their leadership.

Marissa Diamond, intern in Women’s Center, led a brief workshop on women’s tendency to say “Sorry” when they really aren’t.

# Identity Development

Feminist Leadership concepts

Receptiveness to external opinions

Recruitment

Social life

Leadership

bLUeprint connections

Common language

# What's next?

Student and Staff turnover

Future of collaboration

Dissemination of lessons learned

**Let's keep talking!**