

Lehigh University
Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs
Inactivity Statement

An inactive chapter is defined as any fraternity or sorority that has previously met recognition requirements set forth by the University and the Culturally Greek Council and has since experienced a period of inactivity due to low or no undergraduate membership. The guidelines for the continuation of an inactive chapter shall be dictated by the duration of the inactivity.

1. *No More Than Three Consecutive Semesters of Inactivity*

Any chapter that has been inactive for a period of **no more than three consecutive semesters** shall be eligible to maintain a presence on campus and must notify the OFSA of its intent to return to campus **no later than the 10th day of the fourth consecutive semester of inactivity**. The chapter's alumni and/or inter/national headquarters representatives will be required to first work closely with the OFSA to develop a strategic plan for membership growth and sustainability for the chapter. Plan requirements will be determined on an individual basis in order to best address the chapter's specific past challenges that led to the decline in membership as well as meet additional chapter needs. Additionally, the OFSA reserves the right to determine how the alumni and/or headquarters representatives interact with students.

Once a chapter has developed a strategic plan for membership growth and sustainability and the plan has been reviewed and approved by the OFSA, the alumni and/or headquarters representatives may operate in a limited capacity on campus in order to execute the strategic plan. The group will be eligible to organize or sponsor events not social in nature and programming efforts should focus on informational sessions, interests meetings, community service and philanthropic projects, and scholarship events. Additionally, the group is encouraged to participate in programs and activities sponsored by the CGC where the CGC deems appropriate. This could include, but is not limited, to CGC general body meetings, council-wide informational sessions, and yard shows.

At a minimum, it would be expected that the group meet all standards and policies set forth by Lehigh University, the OFSA, and the CGC as well as attract a sizeable number of student interests and **conduct membership intake/orientation within one year**. Additionally, an inactive chapter may petition the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to conduct summer intake and, while consideration may be given, approval is not guaranteed. The option of summer intake is reserved only to those chapters who have exhausted all other opportunities and is considered a final means to regrow the undergraduate presence of the chapter on campus. Summer intake must be approved by the OFSA, the national organization, and graduate advisors.

Should there be a significant lack of progress and should no membership intake/orientation occur within one year, the SWAC and the OFSA reserve the right to halt the group's efforts and revisit the opportunity at a later date.

2. *More Than Three Consecutive Semesters of Inactivity*

Any chapter that petitions to return to campus **after the 10th day of the fourth consecutive semester of inactivity** shall be eligible to do so when SWAC determines expansion of the CGC community is appropriate. The organization's return to campus will be treated as a re-chartering or expansion project and the organization must meet all requirements set forth by the OFSA Expansion Policy in order to regain recognition.