



Greek Life Social Policy Committee - Overview

Earlier this year, then-President Bob Davies and Vice President of Student Affairs Don Robertson charged a committee, comprised of University faculty, staff, students and alumni to evaluate the University's current Greek Social Event policy, inclusive of both content and enforcement, with the goal of enhancing the Murray State University Greek system. The committee was co-chaired by Dr. Tim Todd, Dean of the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business and Dr. Kathy Callahan, Chair of the Department of History. Committee members also included IFC, Panhellenic and NPHC student representatives, Mike Maxwell (Fraternity Advisor), Kathy Kopperud (Panhellenic – Sorority Advisor), Dr. SG Carthell (NPHC Advisor, Executive Director, Multicultural Initiatives, Student Leadership & Inclusive Excellence), Jeff Gentry (Assistant Chief, Murray State University Police) and Kim Newbern (Coordinator, Greek Life and Student Leadership Programs). The committee met regularly throughout the summer and submitted recommendations to the Vice President of Student Affairs. After a thorough review of these recommendations, changes have been implemented to the Greek Social Event Policy at Murray State University and supported by the Office of Student Affairs. As a result of the committee's work, recommendations and implementations, the Greek Life social events suspension has been lifted.

The updated University Greek Life Social Event policy can be viewed in its entirety at murraystate.edu/greeklife.

Implemented changes of note include the following:

- Ninety percent (90%) of chapter members will be required to complete and 100% of chapter officers are required to complete training. This training will be developed during the fall semester. This must include, but is not limited to, recognizing responsible versus non-responsible drinking, methods of conflict resolution, and bystander intervention methods. This training will be developed during the fall semester. A bystander intervention plan, as well as sexual harassment and sexual assault training must take place before the first social event in the spring semester.
- Chapters must maintain a chapter GPA average of 2.5 from the previous semester to host Greek Social Events. Individual chapter members must hold a semester GPA of 2.5 to be eligible to be included on Greek invitation lists.
- Each chapter may host six (6) Greek Social Events per semester (not including formals, alumni, and family events). The number of Greek Social Events per weekend will be limited to three (3) per weekend and no more than 2 per night. A Greek Social Event calendar will be established for chapters to schedule Greek Social Events. Chapters with the highest ranked GPA will be allowed to choose dates for its social events first with other chapters to follow in descending order.
- Brotherhood/sisterhood events that involve only chapter members and no other visitors at their chapter house/suite shall not be considered a social event.
- Chapters must provide at least one non-alcoholic drink for all persons invited as a non-alcoholic option.
- Glass bottles are not allowed anywhere in the venue.
- The Office of Greek Life and Office of Student Life shall purchase a software program for use of check-in and check-out procedures.
- All Greek Social Events are limited to Greek members only, with the exception of a guest list that includes the names of up to 15 non-Greek Murray State students.

- Attendees must present a University-issued Greek ID and one other acceptable form of photo identification upon arrival to gain admittance and to determine the age of the attendee.
- One hired security person is required to check IDs and work with entrance monitors to issue University-issued wristbands to indicate over and under-21 attendees. Chapters are responsible for purchasing their own third-party security which must be licensed, bonded, and insured as either employees of the venue or a security company. Security persons may also be off-duty police and parole officers. Hired Security Responsibilities: Checking identification of all attendees to verify age, checking attendees in via Greek Social Event software, sending students to the appropriate Entrance Monitor to obtain wristband.
- All monitors must complete the Greek Life sponsored Monitor Training Program. (this requirement goes into effect after this training is provided for chapters). New members or uninitiated members cannot serve as monitors. Chapters are required to provide at least two (2) Entrance Monitors, three (3) Event Monitors and two (2) Exit Monitors.
- Chapter Entrance Monitors will place wristbands on all attendees before they enter the event, determined by whether the attendee is 21 years of age or older, or under 21 years of age.
- Attendance: The maximum number of attendees is the chapter size (determined by chapter roster) multiplied by two (2). Ex: 45 (chapter size) x 2 = 90 guests. If two or more chapters are co-sponsoring an event, the maximum number of attendees shall be the total number of active members of all co-sponsoring chapters (as determined by chapter rosters) multiplied by two (2). Ex: 45 (fraternity 1) + 60 (fraternity 2) = 105 x 2 = 210 guests. If 2 chapters co-sponsor an event, it will be counted as 2 events for that weekend.
- Establish Greek Standards Benchmark Award.
- Implement a Public Greek Standards Benchmark Scorecard.
- Assess a Greek Fee of \$10 per semester (per member) to cover the cost of educational programming, leadership components, social event software, etc.). Failure to pay will result in non-attendance at social events.
- Informational sessions should be held with Housing Corporations and Advisors at the beginning of each academic year.
- A program to educate chapter officers about Host Liability Education should be held each year.
- Each chapter should have a Faculty Fellow (non-affiliated faculty/staff scholarship advisor).
- University training to be provided to advisors, enabling them to understand their responsibilities.
- Regular advisor's meetings should be held to discuss problems and solutions. Advisors who do not attend will cause their chapter's social privileges to be suspended (extraordinary circumstances will be taken into consideration). National Headquarters should be notified when advisors are not present for meetings.