



national panhellenic conference

Extension Information for College Panhellenics

Explanation of the College Panhellenic Extension process

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) welcomes your interest in establishing and/or expanding the sorority experience on your campus. For more than 150 years, the sorority experience has been an important part of higher education, enriching the academic life of those women choosing to participate as collegians. The benefits of sorority membership reach beyond the undergraduate experience, with research establishing that this commitment made at the collegiate level positively impacts lifetime giving and contribution to one's alma mater, and enhances our members' lifelong educational and social development.

The NPC Extension Committee acts as the clearinghouse for both institutions and organizations by monitoring the development and/or extension of Panhellenic communities according to NPC extension protocol. This protocol is based on Unanimous Agreements followed by all 26 NPC member organizations. It is critical to note that NPC organizations will colonize only at appropriately accredited, bachelor degree-granting colleges and universities if permission has been granted by what we term the "proper authority." The identity of the proper authority depends on the particular situation and is described more fully in the materials available for download. The NPC Extension Committee serves to verify that the proper authority has granted permission and is also available to advise and assist in the various approaches of establishing chapters of NPC member organizations.

As you begin the extension process, it's important to understand the basic terminology. Please download the glossary of terms for more information. It's also important to be aware of the NPC policies surrounding extension, so download the best practices document and read the Extension section in the Manual of Information to review these rules.

The materials in our resource library will serve as your step-by-step guide as you evaluate whether campus conditions are right for extension and determine the appropriate course of action at each step in the process. On behalf of the NPC Extension Committee, I encourage you to contact me if further assistance is required.

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