



## Re-establishment Overview, Benefits and Best Practices

### What is Re-establishment?

Re-establishment is the process by which a College Panhellenic (or host institution) and NPC member organization come to a mutual understanding (via an agreement) on a potential chapter return to campus after a chapter closure. This understanding ensures that the relationship between the College Panhellenic (or host institution) and the member organization is not severed with the closure of the collegiate chapter.

### Benefits of Re-establishment Agreements

- **For the College Panhellenic, a re-establishment agreement:**
  - Provides documented, mutually agreed-upon timelines and conditions for re-establishing a chapter while allowing the College Panhellenic and NPC member organization flexibility to evaluate the agreement annually (to continue or make changes).
  - Maintains the connection between campus alumnae and Panhellenic members.
  - May eliminate the long, resource-intensive process of extension when the campus is ready to grow by adding a chapter.
  - Allows the College Panhellenic to gain a chapter with historical knowledge and connection to the campus community.
- **For the member organization, a re-establishment agreement:**
  - Encourages continued, consistent communication between the College Panhellenic (or host institution) and member organization.
  - Provides documented, mutually agreed-upon timelines and conditions for re-establishing the chapter while allowing the College Panhellenic and NPC member organization flexibility to evaluate the agreement annually (to continue or make changes).
  - Helps with future planning for an extension at campuses where re-establishment agreements exist.
  - Maintains the relationship between the institution and the organization. This could benefit the organization if extension is considered.
  - May assist with maintaining connections with nearby alumnae members.

### Re-establishment Votes

As stated in the NPC Re-establishment Agreement (2023) – POLICY, when an NPC member organization presents a Resolution for Re-establishment to the College Panhellenic, a majority vote of the College Panhellenic is required to approve it.

When a College Panhellenic and NPC member organization come to a mutual decision that it is time to implement a re-establishment agreement, a vote of the College Panhellenic should be taken to affirm the decision.

### Notification

NPC member organizations will notify the NPC Panhellenic Extension Committee promptly when a defined plan for re-establishment is submitted to and approved by the College Panhellenic or host institution (*Re-establishment Notification (2003, 2017, 2020) – POLICY*).

### Re-establishment Best Practices

- 1) The re-establishment process is guided by a written agreement\* that includes:
  - a) Date of chapter closure and number of years the chapter was a member of the College Panhellenic
  - b) Schedule and expected format of the annual discussion
  - c) Proposed academic term and year for the re-establishment
  - d) The agreement may include additional conditions to be met for an anticipated return to campus; conditions are often similar to an extension readiness assessment

\*The written agreement should use the [Sample Resolution for Re-establishment](#) as a template.

- 2) The Resolution for Re-establishment should be submitted to the College Panhellenic within 90 days after the chapter closes. (If a break in the academic year occurs within 90 days, the timeframe may be extended by the length of the break.)



- 3) The chapter must be closed for at least 12 months before the re-establishment is implemented.
- 4) The NPC member organization and the College Panhellenic (or host institution) shall participate in an [annual discussion](#) about the status of the re-establishment agreement and determine one of the four recommended outcomes.
- 5) The College Panhellenic Council and the host institution will allow a reasonable period of time (generally a minimum of two primary recruitment periods) for a newly re-established or reorganized chapter to achieve stability before an extension (including implementation of a re-establishment agreement) is considered.
- 6) The fraternity/sorority advisor is often the point of contact for a re-establishment agreement between an NPC member organization and a College Panhellenic. When a host institution closes a chapter, the agreement may be developed by the host institution or the member organization and a student affairs administrator is often the point of contact.

### **Reorganization**

Reorganization is another process available to member organizations by which a member organization rebuilds a chapter at a host institution without closing a chapter. More information about reorganization can be found in the NPC Manual of Information and on the NPC website.

Please see the re-establishment resources and checklists available on the NPC website, and also refer to the NPC Manual of Information for more on the policies, best practices and procedures.