

## **NPC Position Statement on Right to Assemble**

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world's largest organizations advocating for women, is the trade association for 26 inter/national women's-only sororities. NPC affirms the rights of students to associate with an organization on such terms and conditions as the student and the organization exclusively agree as granted by the U.S. Constitution.

NPC acknowledges that colleges and universities have the right to establish fair and reasonable rules and regulations applicable to all student organizations seeking to receive and maintain institutional recognition as listed in their college/university student handbooks. However, in the absence of due process, colleges and universities do not have the right to restrict and interrupt regular chapter operations, nor infringe on a private organization's right to:

- Assemble.
- Recruit members.
- Educate or initiate members.

No infringement shall occur without due process and notice provided to the inter/national organizations. NPC supports the right of association through its governance documents known as Unanimous Agreements. Unanimous Agreement VIII reinforces the right to assemble.

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