



## **NPC Position Statement on Fraternity/Sorority Activity Fees**

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The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is one of the world's largest organizations advocating for the sorority experience, representing 26 inter/national women's-only sororities and more than 350,000 undergraduate sorority women. NPC and its member organizations regularly advocate for college affordability for today's students. The promotion of college affordability is a pillar of the NPC Government Relations Platform as NPC engages regularly with policymakers and leaders across higher education to affirm the value of women's-only organizations as a means to empower today's collegiate women.

Our organizations provide an added value and a transformative experience for undergraduate women, which, we acknowledge, comes at an expense to our members. We do all we can to limit those expenses. Additional expenses, such as those levied by an institution of higher education specifically to sorority members are not encouraged.

If an institution of higher education determines a need for a fraternity/sorority activity fee, NPC encourages critical assessment to determine an appropriate fee. This assessment should consider the programming already offered to sorority members by member organizations and the current fees assessed by the College Panhellenic Association and sorority chapters. The aim should be to avoid overlapping or redundant purposes and expenses, whenever possible.

In partnership, NPC requests that institutions engage College Panhellenic officers, chapter leaders and alumnae advisors in a dialogue as soon as a fee begins to be considered. College students are responsible consumers and expect transparency in the collection and use of their money and NPC encourages sorority members to make financial decisions responsibly.

In an effort to create checks and balances between institutions of higher education and sorority members, NPC recommends the following:

- Policies and procedures related to the fee should not infringe on the rights of sororities as private member organizations.
- Clear and transparent documentation must be maintained related to the policies, procedures, restrictions and use of these fees, and be available for review by members of the sorority community.
- Annual reporting and analysis of the fees assessed and the specific uses should be shared with the sorority community.
- An advisory board made up of students and alumnae should be invited to participate in the annual analysis of the services provided by the fee.
- These fees should be collected from each student at the same time and in the same manner that tuition and other fees are collected. (Fees should not be collected by chapters nor the College Panhellenic.)