



NPC Position Statement on Organizational Rights

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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's 26 member organizations exist, and have existed throughout their history, as women's-only, private, social organizations. Our community values its ability to remain an independent voice for women. Through recruiting, educating and initiating sorority members, women are supported as they uphold both the ideals stated in the NPC Panhellenic Creed and the ideals of their individual member organizations.

The freedom of association afforded to citizens by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides women protection to join together in these types of values-based organizations. Additionally, the U.S. Congress has recognized the right of our organizations to remain women's-only by providing that the membership practices of social fraternities and sororities are excepted from the prohibition contained in Title IX against discrimination on the basis of sex in participation in educational programs or related activities (20 USC 1681).

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 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.