

Annual Notice of Responsibility

The following letter was sent via e-mail on September 26, 2023 to all inter/national headquarters of recognized fraternities and sororities at VCU.

Dear [HQ Contact],

As the fall semester is underway, I am providing you access to the updated version of the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) Handbook <https://fsl.vcu.edu/resources--policies/>. This document, updated annually before the start of the fall semester, includes the policies specifically related to the fraternities and sororities that are overseen by our office and that are binding on each inter/national organization.

I am sending this notice to each inter/national organization that has an established chapter recognized as a student organization at VCU. With that recognition your organization undertakes the responsibility for reasonably educating, training, managing, disciplining, and overseeing its members, chapter, chapter rituals, activities and events at VCU for compliance with VCU rules, policies, and student organization and student codes of conduct. VCU's recognition of a student organization, including the local chapter of a fraternity or sorority, is not in lieu of and does not otherwise diminish the inter/national organization's principal obligations to educate, train, manage, discipline and oversee its members, chapter, chapter rituals, activities and events at VCU for compliance with VCU rules, policies, and student organization and student codes of conduct including the prohibitions on hazing and sexual assault.

Additionally, a recognized student organization at VCU, including the local chapter of a fraternity or sorority directs and bears responsibility for its own activities and affairs, which may involve a certain amount of risk. The inter/national organization and the local chapter assume responsibility for any such risk. Each inter/national organization is responsible for maintaining insurance coverage for its chapter at VCU.

VCU neither has nor assumes responsibility to enforce compliance with the responsibilities of each inter/national organization as detailed in this notice. If you have any questions about this, or anything related to the VCU FSL community, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Joe Wheelless
Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life