Greek Life at Lipscomb University

Greek Life at Lipscomb University exists to:

1. Create God honoring relationships,
2. Develop student leaders,
3. Promote on-campus student involvement, and
4. Serve the surrounding Nashville community.

Each Greek lettered organization (Club) at Lipscomb University will complete/participate in the following events, initiatives, and activities to help each organization serve the purposes of Greek Life defined by the Office of Student Life.

I. Events, Initiatives, and Activities

1. Leadership Training
   Each social club will have officers participate in leadership development provided by the Office of Student Life each academic year.

2. Alcohol/Drug Awareness Event
   Each social club is responsible for leading a campus awareness initiative each semester to educate the student body of the university’s alcohol/drug policy, the Tennessee state law, and the dangers of alcohol and drug use.

3. Rush Activities
   Each club will participate in rush activities, which include Rush Fair, Open Rush, Closed Rush, Bid Night, and orientation period each semester.

4. Anti-Hazing Education
   The Office of Student Life and the ICC will educate active members of Greek Life and prospective new members of the Tennessee state anti-hazing law and the university anti-hazing policy each semester.

5. Move-in Days
   Each social club will assist new students as they move-in to the residence halls on the official Residence Life Move-in Day of the fall semester.

6. Homecoming
   Each social club will partner with the Lipscomb Alumni Association by participating in a yearly competition among student organizations in concert with campus homecoming events.

7. Social Events (2)
   Each social club will host at least 2 local social events for the active members of their organization, such as hayride, semi-formal, senior celebration events, etc. Local events will be held either on campus or within a 30 mile radius of Lipscomb University’s main campus.

8. Singarama
   All social clubs will participate in the annual student-led campus musical performance.

9. Athletic Events (3)
   All social clubs will attend three (3) athletic events each semester which will be selected by the Office of Student Life.
10. **Adopt a Non-Profit Partnership**
Each social club will adopt a partnership with a non-profit organization. The members of each organization will give hours of service each semester through club service projects and/or fundraiser events.

11. **Service Day**
Each social club will plan a service day in partnership with the SALT office and their adopted non-profit organization.

12. **Fundraiser**
Each social club will participate and raise funds for the Greek Life operating budget each academic year. Funds will be used for various purposes including but not limited to leadership training, events, publications, and staffing.

13. **Greek Letter Thursdays**
Each Thursday each social club will encourage their members to wear club jerseys to promote excitement and awareness for Greek Life on campus.

14. **Weekly Meetings**
Each club will conduct a weekly meeting to plan, organize, and prepare for events, initiatives, and activities.

15. **Greek-Wide Dinner**
Each spring semester all clubs will participate in a Greek-Wide Dinner located in the Nashville area. The dinner event will include special recognition of clubs, members, sponsors, and accomplishments from the year.

16. **Intramural Sports**
Each club may participate in Lipscomb University’s intramural sports program provided by Campus Recreation.

17. **Spiritual and/or Leadership Retreats**
Each club may conduct 1 overnight event each semester. Each club will have the opportunity to submit a proposal for one of these events to be approved by the Office of Student Life. The following details will be used when reviewing each proposal for approval:

- Approved Lipscomb University sponsor, faculty, or staff will be present for the whole event.
- Only active members of the host club will attend the event.
- The event will be held either on campus or within a 30 mile radius of Lipscomb University’s main campus.
- The location should be suitable for a campout or retreat setting. Hotels, motels, and similar lodging are not considered appropriate retreat locations for these events.
- The event will only be one night.
- Members of the opposite sex will not attend the event.
- Acknowledgement that violating any and/or all of the details of the *Spiritual and/or Leadership Retreats* listed above will result in immediate suspension of the club’s charter for one year.

18. **Additional Opportunities**
The Office of Student Life may provide additional opportunities for clubs to volunteer, lead, or participate in events that are important for the Lipscomb community. Clubs will not be required to participate in these activities but clubs may want to utilize these opportunities to promote their club on campus.
II. Club Funds, Fees, and Dues

Funds, fees, dues, or similar costs associated with club membership are to be used for the events, activities, or initiatives which are described in Section I. Funds raised by clubs will be used for the events, activities, or initiatives which are described in Section I.

III. Greek Letters

Uses of a club’s Greek Letters (club name) are reserved exclusively for Greek Life events, activities, or initiatives which are described in Sections I and II. They may not be used for any other purpose.

IV. Sanctions

The integrity of Greek Life is dependent on each club fulfilling the expectations described in the previous sections. In order to ensure this integrity each club will be subject to sanction for failing to meet the University’s expectations, including but not limited to the expectations described in the sections above. Sanctions will be tracked by academic year with the exception of sanctions resulting in probation or suspension.

- Sanction #1- Warning
- Sanction #2- Fine ($10 x total number of actives)
- Sanction #3- Probation (loss of participation in Rush Activities)
- Sanction #4- Suspension (total loss of status in the Greek Life system, jerseys turned in to the student life office, club bank account closed, and all club activities canceled)

Sanctions are not required to follow a step-by-step, escalating process. Depending on severity, departures from the Greek Life expectations listed in this document, Lipscomb University’s code of conduct, or the University’s general expectations of students and student organizations may result in multiple sanctions and/or sanctions at any level, up to and including suspension.