# Conduct 101

When your chapter gets in trouble

# A little about me...



## A little about me...







# A little about me...





# A little about me...AU pic

# A little about me...DC pics







# My Professional Background

- House Director (picture of the Beta House)
- House Corporation Officer
- Chapter Advisor
- Greek Advisor
- Headquarters
- Supervisor of Greek Life Staff

# Why is this important?

- Reflection on past year
- **o**2015
- Major incidents nationwide and the intersections between conduct issues & House Directors

#### Outline for Session

- Explore types of conduct issues
- Conduct Process 101
- What could happen? Sanctions explored
- What is your role after an incident?
- Resources and what could/should you do?
- Scenarios- How do you respond?
- Question and Answer

## Exploring the Conduct Process

When you hear the words conduct or judicial process, what comes to mind?

# Why Are We Here?

- Surprise
- Blindsided
- Forgotten
- •Left in the Dark
- Last Person to Find Out

## Conduct = Bad?

Sorority Examples

## Conduct = Bad?

Fraternity Examples

#### Conduct = Good?

- Developmental
- Learning experience
- Opportunity for growth
- Need for change
- Educational Moments

# Types of Conduct Issues

#### Issues

What types of issues do you see or hear about on your campus?

#### Tier One

- Recruitment Infractions
  - Timing
  - Decorations
  - Taking a napkin out of a party
- Dirty Recruiting/Dirty Rushing
- Social Media Issues
  - Yik Yak
  - Instagram/Facebook
  - Snap Chat

#### Tier Two

- •Stealing
- Vandalism/Destroying Property
- Fighting and/or drama with other sororities
- Issues at fraternity philanthropy events

#### Tier Three

- Alcohol
  - Pre-Game Culture
  - Binge Drinking
  - Family Culture
  - Co-Sponsoring Events with Fraternities & Booze
  - Alcohol transports
- Drugs
  - Recreational, Club, and Prescription Drug Use

#### Tier Four

- Hazing
  - Hazing Scale and what we see
  - Psychological/Mental Intimidation
  - Alcohol related/forced consumption
  - o "Everything is optional"
  - Co-planning events with other chapter/s
  - Scavenger Hunts
  - Physical activities masked as "fitness"

#### Other Issues?

- •Anything else you see on your campus?
- •Or things your chapter or other chapters have been held responsible for?

- University Process
- Headquarters Process
- Criminal Court/Justice Process
- Panhellenic Mediation Process
- Internal Chapter Process
- Individual vs Group Process

- University Process-
  - Judicial vs Conduct
    - Guilty vs Responsible
    - Court System vs University
      Educational Process
    - Lawyers/Parents vs Student
      Focused Process

- University Areas-
  - Dean of Students/VP Student Affairs
  - Fraternity & Sorority Life Staff
  - Student Activities/Involvement Office
  - Student Conduct/Judicial Office

- University Process (How)-
  - Administrative
  - Hearing or Panel
  - Mediation

University Process (What)-

Investigation =>

Charge Letter =>

President will meet with University =>

Either Sanctions will be delivered or will

be sent to a hearing =>

Final Sanctions or appeal.

Panhellenic (What)

Chapter will be charged with violations =>

Chapter and Panhellenic will schedule mediation =>

Chapter and Panhellenic agree on sanctions (usually monetary fines or educational in nature)

Headquarters (What)

Will receive notification from advisors, Chapter consultants, or University =>

Headquarters/regional volunteers will investigate incident =>

Will often defer to University or "rubber stamp" decision =>

Final sanctions delivered to chapter

Internal Chapter Process

- Standards Boards
- Individual sanctions
- Often social event related

Criminal Court Case/Investigation

# What could happen? Sanctions

## What could happen? Sanctions

- Not every investigation results in a sanction!
- Options for sanctioning:
  - Written or verbal warning
  - Fines and or payment
  - Educational Programming
  - Community Service

## What could happen? Sanctions

- Options for sanctioning:
  - Probation
    - Social
    - Disciplinary
  - Deferred Suspension
  - Cease & Desist/Temporary Suspension
  - Suspension
  - Dismissed/Expelled

- •What do you do if your chapter gets in trouble?
- •How have you handled previous conduct situations?
- •What role can you have for your residents?

- Advisor
- Counselor
- Sounding Board
- Enforcer
- •Peace Keeper

## What is your role? Questions...

- Situational/Context
- Who do you report to?
- Are you a mandatory reporter?
- Do you report everything?
- What is your current relationship with the University
- Are things handled internally?

## What is your role? Questions...

- You want to believe that nothing will happen
- How often do they come to you?
- How often do you hear things?
- What is truth and what is fiction, rumors, or gossip?
- Is it your responsibility to confront an issue or gather help?

- Bystander Behavior Theory
  - Use AU Step-Up Training

Resources- What can you do?

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Scenarios-Being prepared

- Thank You!
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