

## ***Resolution Regarding Fraternity/Sorority Advising and Support Services***

*[Affirmed December 4, 1999; this resolution is the combination of two resolutions: the Fraternity/Sorority Advising Resolution, December 1980, and the Fraternity/Sorority Support Services Resolution, December 1993]*

**Whereas**, fraternities and sororities are an integral part of campus life at many colleges and universities, enhancing the development of students and providing many positive contributions to the institution and the community; and

**Whereas**, fraternities and sororities offer opportunities for student development through their commitment to value-based leadership, brotherhood/sisterhood, scholarship, service and membership development; and

**Whereas**, fraternities and sororities provide a connection, involvement and co-curricular education for students which have been shown to positively affect retention rates among member; and

**Whereas**, fraternity and sorority management entails diverse areas of operations such as housing, dining, alumni/ae relations, recruiting, risk management and program development which demand local support beyond the undergraduates to succeed; and

**Whereas**, the key to helping fraternities and sororities fulfill their potential and minimize the likelihood of behavioral problems is strong, qualified administrative staff support to provide leadership training for members of fraternities and sororities and to coordinate developmental activities, including planning, implementation, and evaluation; and

**Whereas**, the unique nature of fraternities and sororities as social organizations, and frequently also as living groups, requires greater support services than other types of student organizations; and

**Whereas**, the American Council on Education has encouraged institutions of higher education to take an "activist approach" to proactively deal with issues facing fraternities and sororities and has recommended that colleges and universities designate an institutional officer with responsibility of overseeing the performance of fraternities and sororities, with adequate staffing and resources; and

**Whereas**, The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education has established Standards for Fraternity and Sorority Advising; and

**Whereas**, most colleges and universities have recognized the need for professional support to effectuate student development potential as living-learning environments and healthy organizations; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Association of Fraternity Advisors encourages colleges and universities to provide a professional staff member to serve as fraternity/sorority advisor, whose time is spent in fraternal affairs in commensurate with the needs of students and chapters on their campuses; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Association of Fraternity Advisors calls upon college and university administrators, when making decisions regarding the allocation of staff resources, to recognize the vital importance of having student affairs professionals assigned to advise fraternities and sororities, and where necessary, to secure additional funding sources if required to provide adequate staffing; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Association of Fraternity Advisors endorses the Standards for Fraternity and Sorority Advising, as revised, and encourages administrators to use these standards as a model for determining the amount of staff and other resources allocated for this function; and

**Be it further resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Association and the chief student affairs officer at all institutions that serve as hosts to fraternities and sororities.