

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE ACTIVITIES

The semester of membership intake, a regularly enrolled prospective member must:

1. Be classified at least a sophomore, having completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at Virginia State University;
2. Be a full-time, matriculating student enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours;
3. Have been a full-time student completing a minimum of 12 credit hours at Virginia State University during the preceding semester;
4. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50;
5. Have no grade of I or E on his/her transcript; and,
6. Have no outstanding disciplinary record.

The semester of membership intake, a transfer prospective member must:

1. Be classified at least a sophomore, having completed a minimum of 30 credit hours, 12 of which must have been completed at Virginia State University;
2. Be a full-time, matriculating student enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours;
3. Have been a full-time student completing a minimum of 12 credit hours at Virginia State University during the preceding semester;
4. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 at Virginia State University;
5. Have no grade of I or E on his/her transcript; and,
6. Have no outstanding disciplinary record at his/her last postsecondary institution. (A release form will be provided to the prospective member to obtain this record.)

VSU – STUDENT CONDUCT

STATEMENT AGAINST HAZING

Hazing in any form is not condoned and will not be tolerated by the University. Any individual or organization participating in any hazing-related activities will be subject to the University's Disciplinary Process. If anyone or any organization is found guilty of hazing, the individual(s) may be subject to prosecution and the organization may be banned from the University.

Please understand that HAZING has no place in an educational environment.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

1. Having an individual perform calisthenics or any physical activity that is not normally a part of a daily routine of the individual (i.e. sit-ups and push-ups);
2. Having an individual display nudity, total or partial, at any time;

3. Having an individual wear or carry items (i.e. paddles, bricks, and/or items not belonging to the individual);
4. Dropping food (eggs, grapes, liver etc.) into the mouth of an individual;
5. Having an individual receiving paddle swats;
6. Throwing whipped cream, water, paint, eggs, etc. on an individual;
7. Pushing, shoving tackling or any other non-friendly contact, including verbal or physical with an individual;
8. Awakenning an individual continuously during the night;
9. Forcing an individual to drink alcoholic beverages or having alcoholic beverages in the presence of an individual participating in membership intake;
10. Requiring an individual to participate in line-ups including line names and line numbers;
11. Requiring the eating of foods that are not suited to an individual's taste (i.e. raw onions, spoiled food, etc.);
12. Having an individual participate in road trips (other than those approved by the membership intake program) or kidnapping an individual;
13. Having an individual participate in War Games;
14. Putting an individual in a room which is uncomfortable (temperature, noise, too small) at any time;
15. Having an individual perform personal errands active or inactive members (servitude);
16. Assigning an individual "pranks" such as stealing, painting objects, panty raids, and/or harassing another organization;
17. Having a prophyte, neophyte or other member intentionally defacing the house or a room for an individual to clean.
18. Calling an individual any name other than his or her given name;
19. Depriving an individual adequate sleep;
20. Prohibiting an individual adequate time for studying;
21. Yelling and screaming at an individual;
22. Having lengthy work sessions for an individual;
23. Expecting or requiring an individual to do anything that the prophyte, neophyte, or other member say;
24. Having an individual perform purposeless runs for the sake of creating "unity", "sisterhood", "brotherhood" or for any other reason;
25. Yelling or screaming or use of obscenities at an individual;
26. Demeaning an individual when he or she makes a mistake in recitation in front of the chapter, in public or in any other setting;
27. Bracing and finger-snapping in an individual's ear(s); and,
28. Requiring an individual to perform any lewd, lascivious or other indecent acts.

Virginia State University Hazing Policy

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly amended Virginia's anti-hazing statute and authorized the board of visitors of institutions of higher education to promulgate policies which officially prohibit hazing; and,

WHEREAS, the following proposed hazing policy for Virginia State University has been reviewed for legal sufficiency by the state Attorney's office and changes made regarding the definition of hazing by incorporating the language of the new law {House Bill 1588}; and, Hazing under Virginia Law, is defined as activities for the initiation or induction into an organization which include calisthenics or other strenuous physical activity, exposure to inclement weather, consumption of any food ,liquid, beverage, drug or other substances ,confinement in any room or compartment, spraying, painting, or pelting with any substance, burying in any substances ,burning, branding or tattooing or any other activity which may result in physical injury or endanger the health or life of the individual being hazed; and,

WHEREAS, hazing is defined in this policy is prohibited; and,

WHEREAS, organization that are found to be in violation of this policy are subject to discipline (to include suspension or expulsion) by the university and may lose their status as a recognized organization of the university; and,

WHEREAS, individual members who are found to be in violation of this policy are in violation of the code of student conduct may be disciplined in accordance with established University procedures; and,

WHEREAS, all the presidents of the student organizations on campus of Virginia State University are required to execute a signed statement indicating that their organization will not participate in any hazing whatsoever, and if it does, it is subject to suspension ,expulsion, and /or consequences resulting from violation of Virginia law; and,

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the board of Visitors approved hazing policy for Virginia State University, and be it further

RESOLVED that this policy becomes effective on this date and be incorporated in current policies of Virginia State University, and superseded any previous on this subject.

Anti-Hazing Statement (Candidates)

I, _____, V00 _____, have read and understand the Virginia State University Hazing Policy and hereby pledge that I will **not** participate in any activity nor willingly place myself in any hazing situations. I understand that if I do participate in any hazing or Pre or Post, initiation activities, I can be prosecuted for any such activities as described in the Chesterfield County Code on Hazing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed By: _____

Date: _____