

MINUTES
PRESIDENT’S TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE II
NOVEMBER 2, 2017

I. Call to order and Roll Call

BJ Billeaudeau, Kappa Sigma House Corporation Representative and Chair, called to order the meeting of President’s Task Force on Greek Life Subcommittee II in the LSU Student Union Council Room 312 on November 2, 2017 at 4:28 p.m.

Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

BJ Billeaudeau, Kappa Sigma House Corporation Representative, Chair
Verge Ausberry, Athletics Department Representative
Camille Flint, Residence Hall Association President
Madison Hopper, Panhellenic Council President
Mason Tusa, Interfraternity Council President
Rob Stuart, Chair, Ex-Officio
Dan Layzell, Vice Chair, Ex-Officio

ABSENT

Anesha Pink, National Pan-Hellenic Council President

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton “Trey” Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the LSU Board of Supervisors; Hannah Rovira, Coordinator in the Office of the President; Shawn Lowe, LSU Greek Alumni Unity Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

II. Review Policies and Education Sessions Related to both New Member and Existing Member Development

BJ Billeaudeau said he spoke with some undergraduates about the trainings and he heard good feedback. He then suggested the idea of bringing in outside consultants for the trainings.

Madison Hopper agreed, saying that the trainings in place were good and outside consultants would not be beneficial because Greek Life is so different from other organizations. Camille Flint said the trainings are not necessarily taken seriously.

Mason Tusa mentioned that Lori Hart comes into his chapter to discuss sexual misconduct and he finds it very beneficial and effective. He said the members of his chapter enjoy her educational efforts.

Madison Hopper said she worries the Mock Trial is not as effective as it should because it is seen so many times by the same group of people.

Mason Tusa mentioned the HRE 4809- Greek Leadership Presidents Class, saying he and Madison took it together and thoroughly enjoyed it. Madison agreed, saying it was phenomenal and thought the 30 presidents that took the course with them would say the same. She suggested all first term leaders take this course. Mason followed her statement, saying that although the materials the class offered would be beneficial to everyone, it would be too big and less personal if all chapter members went. BJ Billeaudeau pointed out to the group that the programs being discussed are in the Greek Life Risk Management Trainings/Meetings document.

Madison Hopper mentioned the PHC Potential New Member Safety Session that she helped coordinate. She said it was a great program. Mason and Madison agree that the trainings/meetings that have had the most positive feedback have been from Lori Hart.

BJ Billeaudeau asked if the Greeks felt the timing of these trainings and programs worked well. Mason said they have moved their outside speaker to the first two days before recruitment to be more effective and to be able to look over the new member plan. He suggested IFC look toward making more incentives for these programs to increase participation. Mason also stated that older members, those who have experienced the repeat policy meetings tend to mentally checkout. Madison suggested to try and make the meetings more situational instead of just reading the policies. Mason then agreed with BJ's previous comment about bringing in an outside group to train just to have something different for the members. Madison mentioned the reason for not bringing in outside group before to do the programs is because of the expense. Outside consultants are more expensive than bringing in the people we have. BJ mentioned an outside speaker that came in to speak with Greeks after the tragic death. Mason said he heard good feedback on that speech because it was an outsider, not someone they typically see.

Shawn Lowe, a member of the LSU Greek Alumni Unity Council, joined the discussion by recommending the first week of school be completely alcohol free. He suggested this time would be used for more brotherhood/sisterhood activities to bond. This, too, could be used for more time to educate and train new members. Madison Hopper disagreed, saying new members are already overwhelmed with an overload of information with it being their first week of college mixed with the already busy weeks of chapter meetings and new member meetings.

BJ Billeaudeau suggested the option of moving rush back, instead of having IFC and PHC recruitment before the first week of classes. Mason Tusa said he does not see that changing because of the chapter operations. Madison disagreed with BJ's idea, and said PHC does an early rush in order to make immediate connections and to have immediate involvement.

Rob Stuart asked if the current timing of recruitment is not good then when would be a good time. He said there is no better time because at least now it is before school starts. He then suggested we collect information on the best practices nationally. He wants to gather the information on how other schools go about their recruitment.

BJ suggested assessments for each training program. He said it would be a good incentive to understanding policies. Mason mentioned the Greek assessment practice currently in place, of which help earn points toward priority seating for football games. He made the point that even though that is an incentive, there are still people who will send others to trainings or programs to take his/her place just to make sure the seats are filled.

Madison suggested that some of the educational efforts benefit from being done per chapter rather than taught Greek-wide. She stated it is better to have chapters engage. BJ Billeaudeau said some trainings should be Greek-wide while others should be per chapter.

Verge Ausberry said often times he will break up athletic teams for their trainings because education is more effective in smaller groups.

BJ Billeaudeau said he expects more sexual harassment trainings because he assumes there are approximately ten Greek incidents per week that are sent to the Dean of Students in regards to sexual misconduct.

Madison Hopper mentioned that "pregaming" is a huge issue in Greek life. She said drinking before parties gets a lot of Greeks in trouble.

Rob Stuart suggested the heavy restrictions are what make people binge. Verge followed that comment by stating that the NFL has less drunken issues because alcohol is sold inside, therefore people feel less inclined to binge before entering.

III. Other Business/Next Meeting

BJ suggested Angela Guillory, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life, come to next meeting to discuss the Letter of Reprimand and see if it works. The next meeting will also cover budget and assessment of trainings with Angela.

Next Tuesday at 5pm is the next suggested meeting time.

IV. Adjournment

BJ Billeaudeau called the meeting to close at 5:16pm, and Verge Ausberry second.