



January 22, 2018

Members of the LSU Community,

After the tragic death of Maxwell Gruver, I empaneled a Task Force on Greek Life charged with ensuring that LSU is providing a safe and educationally beneficial environment to all students participating in Greek and student organizations. The University's position on this has been clear from the start: hazing is dangerous and unacceptable, and it will not be tolerated on this campus.

The Task Force has done a considerable amount of work to look deeply into our Greek community, the University structures and policies that support it, and the strengths and weaknesses that define it. The Task Force continues their process to collect information, review documents, and solicit testimony from Greek organizations and other subject matter experts as necessary to thoroughly address these topics. In order to provide members with the opportunity to make the kind of recommendations necessary for real and meaningful change to occur, I am extending the deadline for their final report.

Since the creation of the Task Force, there have been a number of incidents related to Greek Life around the nation, and the conversation around Greek organizations at universities has evolved. There are several entities working to develop recommendations and programs to move fraternities and sororities forward across the country, and this extension allows the Task Force to consider this collective information prior to making a final recommendation to me.

Therefore, I am extending the January 30, 2018 deadline for the final report and recommendations to February 21, 2018, and I will provide my official response to the report by the end of February 2018.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the campus community for their support and contributions to the Task Force and ask you to continue supporting and contributing to their work. Please send any information that might be of benefit to the Task Force to taskforce@lsu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. King Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style.

F. King Alexander
LSU President