Greek Awards Rationale

Every Greek letter organization was founded on a core set of values. Upon initiation into your organizations, you made a commitment to the values set by your founders. In a broader sense, by joining a KU Greek organization, you made a commitment to uphold the 4 Pillars of KU Greek Life of Leadership, Scholarship, Community Service, and Brotherhood/Sisterhood. While each organization is unique, coming together as a Greek Community allows us to celebrate our common values and goals. When we are able to internalize our organizational and community experience, we can then work toward living our values and show the world the true meaning of Greek Life at the University of Kansas.

The goal of the new Greek Awards process is to recognize organizations that are upholding the values set by their founders and the 4 Pillars of KU Greek Life. Chapter Awards will now align with the KU Greek Minimum Standards. Chapters will be evaluated on evidence of how their organizations are aligning their daily experiences with organizational and community values. As values based organizations, it is imperative for us to view are values as the hallmark of our organizations and show the world Fraternities and Sororities are still relevant.
Greek Awards Timeline

November 29th, 2011 – 5 pm – 7 pm – Kansas Union: Woodruff Auditorium

Greek Awards Training
Chapters who intend on applying for Greek Awards must attend this session to pick up their informational packet as well as receive training on the new process and ask any questions.

January 20th, 2012 – Submit via chapter Hawk Drive

Indication Deadline for Categories Chapter is applying for
Chapter must submit which categories they intend on applying for. Indications must be submitted via chapter Hawk Drive. The form can be found in the new “Greek Awards” folder in the chapter’s Hawk Drive.

February 3rd, 2011 – 5 pm

Application Deadline for Chapter and Individual Awards
Chapter awards applications must be submitted via chapter Hawk Drive in the “Greek Awards” folder and one (1) hard copy to the S.I.L.C. front desk. One (1) copy of individual awards applications must be turned into S.I.L.C. front desk. Individuals will also sign up for interview time at the S.I.L.C. front desk when they turn in Awards packets.

February 6th -7th, 2012

Individual Awards Interviews
Individuals should show up on time at the correct location for their interview(s). Individuals will receive a confirmation email one (1) week in advance.

February 21st – 22nd, 2012

Chapter Awards Presentations and Interviews
Chapters must sign up for a presentation/interview time at the S.I.L.C. front desk. Presentations and Interviews will last a total of 30 minutes. See page 3 for guidelines. Individuals will receive a confirmation email one (1) week in advance.

March 12th, 2012 – 5 pm

RSVP for Greek Awards Ceremony
Chapters may RSVP a maximum of 5 members to represent chapter at ceremony. RSVP to Kugreeklife@gmail.com.

March 26th, 2012

Greek Awards Ceremony
Ceremony to recognize Individual and Chapter Award applicants and winners.
Greek Awards Guidelines

Application Guidelines

- Should be typed, 12 pt. font, double spaced, 1” margins.
- Each category should be a maximum of 2 pages. Judges will not evaluate content beyond the 2nd page.
- Each category should have a title page. (will not count towards 2 page maximum)
- Application should be bound in a report cover.
- Application must be submitted via chapter Hawk Drive in the “Greek Awards” folder AND the S.I.L.C. front desk by 5 pm on the application deadline.

Presentation and Interview Guidelines

- Maximum of 15 minutes presentation to judges.
- Chapters may utilize PowerPoint, Prezi, or any other presentation method.
- May have a one (1) page handout to accompany presentation.
- Maximum of 15 minutes of interview questions conducted by judges following chapter presentation.
- Purpose of chapter presentations is to highlight key points of application packet or provide additional information they feel needs to be brought to the attention of the judging committee.
- Each chapter may have a maximum of 3 chapter members to take part in the presentation and interview.

Additional Information

- An additional 5 points will be available for following correct formatting of application guidelines, presentation and interview guidelines, and professionalism during presentation and interview.
- Each council will have a Chapter of the Year award. In order to be eligible for Chapter of the Year, chapters must apply for at least 5 of the 6 categories. Chapter of the Year will be awarded to the organization with the highest combined point total of all categories applied for. In the case that not chapter applies for at least 5 categories, no Chapter of the Year will be awarded for the respective council.
- In order for the Greek Life Staff and judging committees to verify information in awards applications, chapters MUST provide all applicable KU Greek Minimum Standards documents in the chapter’s Hawk Drive. No alternative form of verification will be accepted. Verification includes Educational Programming reports, Community Service and Philanthropy reports, Chapter Member Involvement reports, etc...
Greek Awards Chapter Recognition

Chapter of the Year

- Each council will have the possibility of 1 organization be recognized as Chapter of the Year. This award will recognize the organization within their respective council that applies for at least 5 of the 6 categories and receives the highest point total.
- Chapter of the Year winners will be recognized at the Greek Awards Ceremony and will receive a large plaque or trophy for their achievements.

Awards Levels

**Excellence**

Chapters will be recognized with plaques showing the areas they have earned “Excellence.”

**Distinguished**

Chapters will be recognized with certificates showing the areas they have earned “Distinguished.”

**Merit**

Chapters will be recognized with certificates showing areas they have earned “Merit.”

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**Academic Performance** (9 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 8 points
- **Distinction:** 5 points
- **Merit:** 2 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 2 points

**Risk Management and Legal Liability** (9 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 8 points
- **Distinction:** 5 points
- **Merit:** 2 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 2 points

**Community Awareness** (9 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 8 points
- **Distinction:** 5 points
- **Merit:** 2 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 2 points

**Membership Development and Education** (15 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 13 points
- **Distinction:** 8 points
- **Merit:** 3 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 3 points

**Leadership and Campus Engagement** (9 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 8 points
- **Distinction:** 5 points
- **Merit:** 2 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 2 points

**Chapter Management** (9 points possible)

- **Excellence:** 8 points
- **Distinction:** 5 points
- **Merit:** 2 points
- **Inadequate:** less than 2 points
Greek Awards Questions

Academic Performance

1. Please provide the chapter’s GPA over the previous academic year. (will be verified by G.L. Staff)
2. Please provide a summary of all chapter scholarship programs/initiatives implemented during the award year.
3. How does your chapter utilize University resources for academic improvement?

Membership Development and Education

1. What is the level of involvement from upperclassmen (i.e. juniors and seniors) in the organization?
2. How does your organization promote transition from undergraduate to alumni/ae or graduate chapter?
3. How does your chapter program for Alumni/ae members and how do these programs benefit current members?
4. What membership educational and/or developmental programming does your organization use that supplements members’ experiences throughout their undergraduate membership?
5. How does your chapter integrate your new members into your chapter and into the KU community?

Risk Management and Legal Liability

1. Please list any violations with your respective Council, the University, or Nation Organization’s Risk Management Guidelines and what your chapter has learned as a result.
2. What are your organization’s risk management policies? What is the purpose behind them and how are they enforced and promoted?
3. How does your chapter promote healthy behaviors both organizationally and among individual members?

Leadership and Campus Engagement

1. How does your chapter encourage involvement in activities or with organizations outside the Fraternity/Sorority community?
2. How would you describe your chapter’s involvement in student organizations or the Lawrence community?
3. What types of diversity or cultural engagement initiatives does your chapter have?
Community Awareness

1. Describe a non-alcoholic event your organization had with an organization from another council, why it was successful, and the benefits to your membership.
2. What does your chapter do to connect with your inter/national/local philanthropy on a level higher than just donations?
3. What hands-on service activities has your chapter coordinated or provided support at over the last year?

Chapter Management

1. Provide a written summary of chapter officer training programs your chapter has participated in (inter/national or regional conventions/programs, and internal training).
2. How does the chapter recognize/reward members whose actions are congruent with your organizations values/principles?
3. Include a narrative of how the chapter judicial/standards board holds members accountable to chapter values and policies.