

Fraternity & Sorority New Member Presentation Guidelines

The purpose of these guidelines is to support the new members of our community as they are introduced to the campus by the organizations recognized by the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

All organizations must adhere to the following guidelines when presenting new members to the campus community. The council advisor will be in attendance at all new member presentations. Organizations who do not adhere to the below standards may risk their ability to host future presentations.

1. A “New member presentation” is defined as the public showcasing of an organization’s newest members to the public and campus community.
2. A new member presentation must occur within 7 calendar days of the newly initiated members having become members of the national organization or 2 weeks prior to the last day of class, whichever comes first.
3. Each organization is limited to one new member presentation per semester. “Surfacings”, “pre-previews,” or any type of new member presentation that occurs during the new member education process or during intake, are prohibited.
4. Dates and times of new member presentations must be communicated to and confirmed with the council advisor during the initial planning meeting with the New Member Educator at the beginning of the intake process. All presentations must occur on campus.
5. A “preview” or is defined as a brief performance by the newly initiated members of the organization in order to publicize and promote the upcoming New member presentation.
 - a. Previews must occur during a previously reserved campus event. It cannot be a separate event of its own. The sponsor of that event, be it a student organization or otherwise, must communicate their approval of the preview occurring during their event.
 - b. Previews must occur no more than two class days before the new member presentation.
 - c. Previews cannot last more than 15 minutes.
 - d. Previews must take place on campus.
6. The council advisor will review the new member presentation at least 2 calendar days prior to the event. No new member presentation will occur without prior approval of the council advisor.
 - a. If a preview cannot be scheduled, a script must be provided in the same time line, to the council advisor for review.

7. New member presentations are not to be referred to as “probate” shows.
8. Organizations hosting these events are responsible for their guests’ behavior.
9. New member presentations are not to be scheduled on the same night and time as another organization’s new member presentation.
10. Malicious and disparaging comments about other organizations will not be tolerated
11. Public consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus by any guest or chapter member is prohibited
12. In the event of a fight/disruption during the presentation, those responsible for the disturbance will be disciplined by the appropriate office or organization which may include the Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, Office of Student Conduct, NPHC/MGC Governing Council, etc. If a member of the presenting organization is involved, the presentation show may be stopped immediately.
13. Disruptions by guest organizations in attendance are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: walking through the presenting organizations show, chanting, fraternity/sorority calls, singing or “calling” over the presenting organization, etc.
14. Presentations should not begin later than 9:00 P.M.
15. Following the show, members of the presenting organization must take responsibility for crowd disbursement and vacating the area. The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.