

Public Accountability Policy

Purpose of Policy:

The Office Sorority & Fraternity Life (OSFL) believes public accountability will assist with transparency, eliminate misinformation or rumors communicated through the community while an organization is engaged in conduct proceedings, and allow external stakeholders the ability to gauge the conduct within our fraternal community.

The Policy:

The Public Accountability Policy shall apply to all student organizations recognized by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life.

- Pending approvals from associated University administrators, all presidents and advisors of registered fraternities and sororities will be sent an e-mail from OSFL when any staff member is in receipt of a cease and desist order, or its equivalent, from any headquarters or volunteer staff member of an inter/national or regional organization hosted at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Pending approvals from associated University administrators, all presidents and advisors of recognized fraternities and sororities will be sent an e-mail from OSFL when the Vice Chancellor for Student Life issues interim restrictions to any inter/national or regional organization hosted at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Once an organization has been notified by the Office of Student Conduct that they have been found responsible for violations of any Standards of Conduct, OSFL Life staff will post the following information on the OSFL website (www.gogreek.utk.edu):
 - Name of the Organization
 - Incident Date
 - *Standard(s) of Conduct* Violation
 - Date Reported
 - Reported By
 - Investigation Start Date
 - Location
 - Notice of Charges Date
 - Sanction Date
 - Sanctions & Due Date
 - Resolution Type
- The public accountability information will be listed on the website for three years after a resolution is reached.

The Procedures:

This policy applies to all allegations of violations of the Code of Conduct investigated or heard by the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards.

The public accountability webpage will be updated within a reasonable time frame of the organization being found responsible.

The Education:

OSFL staff will educate organization leadership and advisors on this policy annually through email notification, the Summit, and postage to the website.

For more information, refer to the OSFL website.