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University of Arizona removes recognition for Theta Chi fraternity

TUCSON, Arizona – University of Arizona officials have withdrawn recognition of the Theta Chi Fraternity chapter following a finding of multiple violations of the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct.

The chief conduct violations were for hazing and causing significant harm to a new member. The University became aware of the incident when it received a notice of claim alleging hazing that resulted in injury. Chapter leaders had the opportunity to respond to the findings.

Loss of recognition means the fraternity loses the use of UArizona facilities and resources and cannot participate in university events, effectively closing it off from the university.

The Theta Chi Fraternity’s international board of directors voted unanimously to revoke the local chapter’s charter. The action closes the chapter and there will be no appeal of the University’s decision. Theta Chi’s leadership has been cooperating with the University.

“I am pleased that the Theta Chi Fraternity’s Board of Directors and national leaders recognized the need to revoke the charter of the Arizona chapter, said Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kendal Washington White. “Greek-letter organizations provide brotherhood, scholarship, leadership, philanthropy, and community service; however, it is imperative that we ensure the health and safety of our students. Unfortunately, the actions of a few mean a lost opportunity for the other young men who sought a brotherhood.”

The loss of recognition is in place through May 2025.

The University’s efforts to combat hazing start with students at orientation and continues through rush and recruitment. Chapter leaders are required to submit anti-hazing paperwork to reinforce our zero-tolerance hazing policy; reminding members, officers and pledges that hazing is prohibited and the consequences for causing harm.

The University is one of the few in the country that maintain an online listing of Greek organizations under judicial review to help students and families evaluate fraternities and sororities. It can be found at <https://greek.arizona.edu/judicial> and is updated each semester.

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