Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity closes Beta Theta Chapter at University of Arizona

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity announced the closure of its Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Arizona earlier this evening. Despite ongoing support from the National Headquarters staff, local volunteers, and the university's Office of Fraternity & Sorority Programs, the student members were unable to abide by the fraternity's standards of conduct. Ultimately, the National Council — Pi Kappa Phi’s elected governing board — decided closure was the only appropriate action.

“Although closing a chapter is never an easy decision, the national organization expects our students to uphold and abide by the fraternity’s risk management policy and standards of conduct,” said Chief Executive Officer Mark E. Timmes. “Pi Kappa Phi recognizes that regardless of how large a chapter is, the true distinction between a fraternity experience and that of a ‘social club’ is accountability to our shared standards and values. When chapters are unable to conform to those expectations, the national fraternity has to make the difficult choice to close.”

“Pi Kappa Phi remains committed to our partnership with the University of Arizona, and we look forward to the chapter’s return to campus in the coming years,” added Timmes.

Pi Kappa Phi’s commitment to leadership dates back to its founding on December 10, 1904, at the College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C., where our founders exemplified leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics and within the community. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity was founded on the premise of campus leadership — by men who made the choice to lead. Today, on 178 campuses across America, Pi Kappa Phi has broadened its commitment to building men who are leaders by choice. The Beta Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi was founded on April 28, 1951 and re-chartered on November 9, 1996.

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