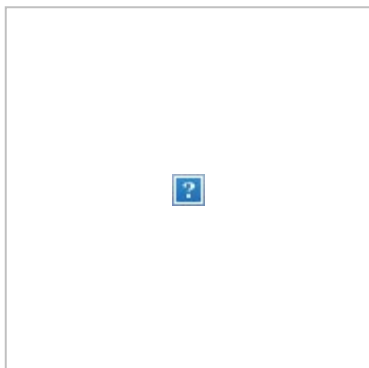


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TUCSON, Ariz. — The University of Arizona Dean of Students Office has issued a Loss of Recognition status to Pi Kappa Phi as a result of its investigation into allegations of hazing that violated the Student Code of Conduct. Following its investigation, the Dean of Students Office found Pi Kappa Phi responsible for violating the University Code of Conduct prohibitions related to alcohol (including furnishing alcohol to minors), conduct endangering others, hazing, and violations of state or federal law.

Due to the serious and dangerous nature of this finding, along with Pi Kappa Phi's aggravated status of being on university probation for multiple code of conduct violations, the fraternity is sanctioned with Loss of Recognition effective immediately through May 2029.

"The documented cases of Student Code of Conduct violations highlight a concerning lack of regard for the safety and well-being of fraternity members. Despite the university's clear and extensive educational efforts, the members of Pi Kappa Phi have chosen to disregard our expectations," said **Kendal Washington White**, vice provost of campus life and dean of students.

UArizona maintains an online list of Greek organizations under judicial review to help students and families evaluate fraternities and sororities. It can be found at <http://greek.arizona.edu/judicial> and it is updated each semester.

Note to media: On Feb. 8, the Pi Kappa Phi executive director informed the Interfraternity Council that the Beta Theta chapter was withdrawing its membership and forfeiting its recognition from the University of Arizona. "The Beta Theta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi began operating as an unrecognized and independent fraternity on Jan. 22, and the national headquarters will continue to support them moving forward." Further inquiries should go to Pi Kappa Phi, pikapphq@pikapp.org.

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