

November 5th, 2024

Phi Gamma Delta
SUMC 411
Center for Student Involvement & Leadership
Tucson, AZ 85719-0017

Dear [REDACTED],

The Greek Standards Board has received a complaint against Phi Gamma Delta for allegedly violating The University of Arizona Residential Organization Policy.

Policy Allegedly Violated:

The University of Arizona Student Organization Residential Facility Recognition Policy, Article III. Neighborhood Feedback Process, Section 2. Neighborhood Complaints, "...Neighbor complaints may also be referred to the Greek Standards Board and/or Dean of Students Office if the conduct alleged in the neighbor complaint potentially violates applicable university policy."

Nature of Complaint:

On Friday Nov 1st, [REDACTED] received the following neighbor complaint against Fiji.

"I am reaching out with a notification of repeated excessive noise/disturbance of peace from one of the fraternity houses on campus. My name is [REDACTED] and I am not only a neighbor living in Sam Hughes, but I am also a University of Arizona staff member and community partner in that regard as well. The Phi Gamma Delta house, at 1801 E 1St Street, has repeatedly portrayed excessive noise for many hours at a time by way of very loud music, which I am able to hear across Campbell Avenue inside my home with the windows and doors closed. The loud, thumping bass sounds can be heard over my television and over a white noise machine that I have had to use when trying to sleep during these instances. It appears they may have an outdoor sound or speaker system from which their music is playing, rather than having the music just inside the house during gatherings. This has occurred on both weekdays and weekends, for multiple hours at a time into late hours of the night.

The most recent incident was last night (Thursday, 10/31) in which the music began around 7:00pm and did not stop until nearly 1:00am. This time frame is consistent with many of the other instances. It has disturbed my evening hours and ability to sleep. On multiple occasions, it has also interfered with a family member's ability to fall and stay asleep when they have been staying at my home with me. I have called UAPD to place noise complaints on a couple occasions. In those situations, even after an officer noted they would go speak with them, the noise continued at the same volume for hours. Please know that I am not looking to inhibit their socialization, nor do I wish to come across as exaggerating the situation. I am not in the business of complaining just to complain. Prior to deciding to send this message, I confirmed the source of the repeated noise myself, ensuring that I was not incorrectly making assumptions.

However, simply put, their noise is far too loud when it can be heard clearly across a major intersection and into the neighborhood homes. Regardless of the time of day or type of day (weekday vs weekend), it violates the Tucson noise ordinance levels and is disruptive. If my peace is being disturbed at these volumes, I can only imagine how their closer neighbors on campus and other community businesses/partners (including UAPD) around the house must feel. My request is that their music be kept significantly lower and taken inside, to be respectful of their campus and community neighbors. I do want to note that while this has happened multiple times each month since the start of the school year, it is thankfully not an everyday occurrence, nor have I experienced any disturbance from any other fraternity or sorority houses on campus at this time.”

Next Steps:

1. The Greek Standards Board requests a written explanation from Phi Gamma Delta regarding the incident in question. The explanation is due to the Greek Standards Board email (gsb.chiefjustice@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, at noon.**
2. The hearing for your case is currently scheduled for **6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024.** The Board encourages you to bring persons whom you think would present relevant information regarding this matter. The hearing will take place in room 412 in the student union, across from the CSIL.
3. As part of the forthcoming hearing, your chapter has the right to a fair process. Fair process rights are as follows:
 1. Right to be notified, in writing, of all charges.
 2. Right to present a response, including the calling of witnesses
 3. Right to question witnesses
 4. Right to be accompanied by an advisor for advisory purposes only, but not for representation
 5. Right to be notified, in writing, of all findings and sanctions imposed
 6. Right to appeal the decisions
4. The Greek Standards Board will then conclude with a decision based on the information presented at the hearing. The Board will inform your chapter on its decision within two days of the hearing.
5. If the chapter wishes to appeal the decision of the Board, you are required to do so in writing within ten days of the date on the decision letter.

It is the intention of the Greek Standards Board to investigate all sides of the issue thoroughly, and to reach the most appropriate conclusion. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at gsb.chiefjustice@gmail.com.

Interfraternally,



Chief Justice

Greek Standards Board