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April 10, 2025

President [REDACTED]
Sigma Chi
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Dear President [REDACTED]:

I have completed my investigation into the alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct by Sigma Chi reported to the Dean of Students (DOS) March 27, 2025. The allegations pertain to behavior described below:

On February 22, 2025, UAPD responded to the Sigma Chi fraternity house reference an intoxicated individual in need of medical attention. UAPD was initially met with avoidance from members. Upon entering the chapter house UAPD noted loud music and alcohol consumption, though no event had been registered. Sigma Chi was referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged Code of Conduct violations.

As a result, on March 28, 2025, DOS notified Sigma Chi that they were being investigated for alleged violation of the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct. The scope of the investigation was to determine whether there is sufficient evidence that Sigma Chi violated the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) Student Code of Conduct:

Code of Conduct/4. Other Published Rules - Violation of, or attempt to violate, other rules that may be adopted by Board or by the university.

Code of Conduct/7. Failure to Comply - Failure to comply with the directions of university officials or agents, including law enforcement or security officers, acting in the good faith performance of their duties. This section is not intended to prohibit the lawful assertion of an individual's fifth amendment right against self-incrimination.

Code of Conduct/15. Alcohol - Violation of Board or university rules or applicable laws governing alcohol, including consumption, distribution, unauthorized sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages.

Code of Conduct/22. Interference with UA Activities - Interfering with any university disciplinary process, including but not limited to tampering with physical evidence or inducing a witness to provide false information or to withhold information.

DOS was supplied with a letter from Sigma Chi to the Greek Standards Board (previous investigative body) which included a written response to the allegations. This written response included the following details about the incident:

- There were two entirely dry events in the house on 2/22/2025
 - Peer Ritual Training 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
 - Sweethearts League Dodgeball Tournament 7:00 PM (75 members and ~50 women)
- Following the dodgeball tournament, most guests left the house. One sweetheart candidate and her friends stayed as guests of live-in members and spent time in their private/semi-private area. There were 15-20 people involved.
- The live-in members played music in their semi-private common area (area accessible to those with adjacent sleeping quarters) using 2 QSC speakers

On April 7, 2025, I, as the DOS representative, met with you to discuss the code of conduct process and the allegations. During the meeting, you provided the following additional information.

- Alcohol was consumed only by those in the semi-private area.
- Members closed the gate on UAPD initially. This member was unaware of the reasoning for UAPD's arrival and anxious about their presence.

Based on the information provided above, **I find it more likely than not that the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct line items 7. Failure to Comply and 15. Alcohol were violated.** I find there is insufficient evidence to find that a violation of line items 4. Other Published Rules and 22. Interference has occurred.

During our conversation on April 7, 2025, you outlined steps you have taken or plan to take to address these concerns from within Sigma Chi. The action plan includes the following steps:

- Internal Judicial Process for the individuals involved in misconduct (alcohol and failure to comply)
- Training on cooperation with first responders for the chapter
- Full Chapter Review of RMF Policies
- Revision of Risk Management Policy and revised system for monitoring alcohol use in the house.
- Commitment to chapter wide alcohol education.

I agreed with the action plan and agreed to incorporate it into the final decision. In collaboration with you and the Sigma Chi Headquarters Staff, I have imposed the following:

1. MONETARY SANCTION - Organization

Amount: \$3,400

Complete by: Friday, April 25, 2025

All organizations found responsible for violating University policy are assessed a non-refundable monetary sanction of \$25 per member. The non-refundable monetary sanction is to be paid by check made out to the University of Arizona and hand delivered to the Dean of Students Office, Robert L. Nugent Building, Room 100.

$\$25 \times 136 \text{ members} = \$3,400$

2. ALCOHOL EDUCATION - Organization

Complete by: Friday, August 29, 2025

Your organization is required to host, in consultation with the Fraternity and Sorority Programs staff, a comprehensive Alcohol education program with 100 % documented attendance of the organization members.

3. OTHER - Organization

Complete by: Friday, August 29, 2025

You have provided an action plan including the following items:

- Internal Judicial Process for the individuals involved in misconduct (alcohol and failure to comply)
- Training on cooperation with first responders for the chapter
- Full Chapter Review of RMF Policies
- Revision of Risk Management Policy and revised system for monitoring alcohol use in the house.
- Commitment to chapter wide alcohol education.

Please complete the above to the satisfaction of FSP Staff. Once these items have been completed, please submit documentation of the completion signed by FSP Staff to DOS-deanofstudents@arizona.edu.

If these items are not completed by the deadlines, Sigma Chi will be placed on Activities Suspension pending an official disciplinary hearing. Should further disciplinary issues arise

including non-completion of the aforementioned action plan items, Sigma Chi could face additional disciplinary sanctions including but not limited to Loss of Recognition.

The Student Disciplinary Procedures do not provide for a formal appeal of this case. If you feel, however, that you have new information or you believe that you have been treated unfairly, submit a written statement to the Dean of Students Office, **within ten (10) business days, April 24, 2025**, of receiving this letter requesting a review of your disciplinary file.

Should you have any questions or comments about the sanctions, please contact 520-621-7057 or DOS-deanofstudents@arizona.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SCS', is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Stephanie Celaya-Serventi, Ph.D.
Senior Coordinator, Student Accountability

cc:

Greer Vinall, FSP Liaison

David Bina, Chapter Advisor

Michael Berger, Sigma Chi HQ