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Arizona Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Closes After 56 Years

TUCSON – Delta Tau Delta Fraternity has suspended its chapter at the University of Arizona following a semester of probation and reorganization during spring 2015.

The action became effective July 1 when the Fraternity’s Arch Chapter voted to suspend the charter.

The decision came due to repeated violations of the Fraternity risk management policies, poor academic performance among the new members and failure to make satisfactory progress during the spring 2015 semester.

“After several confirmed instances of behavior contrary to the Fraternity’s risk management guidelines, a chapter reorganization was put in place earlier this year which included a strong alumni advisory presence that reinforced an expectation of a change of member behavior,” said Executive Vice President Jim Russell. “Despite efforts by those alumni volunteers, the national Fraternity and university officials, chapter members chose to embrace the past culture and disregard the challenge to forge a new identity at Arizona. The chapter demonstrated it was not willing to move in a new direction. Given that decision, the Fraternity made the difficult decision to suspend the charter.”

The Fraternity was chartered at Arizona on April 11, 1959, and has been in continuous operation since then. The Epsilon Epsilon chapter has initiated more than 1300 members in its history.

“This is not the outcome we would prefer, but it is the right decision for the men, the Fraternity and the Greek community at this time,” Russell said. “We are very pleased with the support received from the university and from the loyal Delt alumni who have worked with the chapter during these recent months and through the years.”

Delta Tau Delta is hopeful of returning the Arizona campus at a time in the future and will work with the Arizona administration and the Fraternity’s alumni network to prepare for a return when appropriate.

Delta Tau Delta has 136 chapters and colonies in 39 states and the District of Columbia with a membership of more than 9,800 undergraduates and 120,000 living alumni. The fraternity posts a GPA of 3.02, making it one of the highest achieving men’s fraternities academically.

Delta Tau Delta is a values-based fraternity founded in 1858. Its mission, “Committed to Lives of Excellence,” is what the Fraternity seeks to represent at its host institutions. Delta Tau Delta strives to develop its members’ leadership skills, seeks superior academic achievement, promotes community service efforts and helps its members launch successful careers.

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