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NOTE TO JOURNALISTS: A copy of the letter issued to Delta Sigma Phi is available by contacting Andrea C. Smiley, the associate vice present of University Relations, Communications, at [acsmiley@email.arizona.edu](mailto:acsmiley@email.arizona.edu).

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### **University of Arizona sanctions fraternity for conduct violations**

TUCSON, Arizona – University of Arizona officials have withdrawn university recognition of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity chapter following a finding of multiple violations of the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct.

Effective immediately, Delta Sigma Phi must cease all activity on the UA campus through May 2018. A withdrawal of recognition is initiated when an organization is deemed to present a substantial risk to the members of the university community.

The investigation, conducted by the UA Dean of Students Office, found that chapter members engaged in hazing, endangerment and providing alcohol to minors. The violations occurred while the chapter was under probation and a suspension that prohibited events with alcohol.

"Our students' safety is our main focus," said Kendal Washington White, the UA dean of students. "The serious nature of the allegations and the repeated violations, several during the chapter's probationary period, are among the reasons that we've taken this action."

The chapter was given the opportunity to respond to the findings and has 20 days to appeal the university decision.

The national office will be able to propose a plan in May 2018 to reinstate the fraternity as long as no current members are affiliated with the new chapter.

The UA maintains an online listing of Greek organizations under judicial review to help students and families evaluate fraternities and sororities. It can be found at <http://greek.arizona.edu/standards/chapter-conduct-and-judicial> and is updated each semester.

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