

THETA XI FRATERNITY Chapter Chartering Standards

It is the practice of Theta Xi Fraternity to expand its chapter roll to campuses where the environment, conditions and resources available indicates that a successful chapter can be established.

In order to determine when a colony is qualified to be chartered and to establish goals to guide the colony toward chartering, the Grand Lodge has established the following standards for a colony or local fraternity to receive a charter:

Membership

- Colony membership equal to 125% of median IFC chapter or 25, whichever is higher

Scholarship

- Maintain a cumulative colony GPA that is equal to or greater than the campus all-male average OR 2.5, whichever is higher and establish chapter by-law provisions that (a) establish minimum standards designed to maintain a GPA above the campus all-male average, (b) outline a procedure to hold each member accountable whose grades fall below chapter standards, and (c) define the minimum GPA necessary to hold elected office.

Finances

- Demonstrate solid financial operations by balanced budget operations, current payables and receivables, and an established savings/building fund to which a portion of chapter dues are deposited each academic term.

Advisor

- Establish a positive relationship with an active colony advisor who is, or is willing and eligible to become, a Theta Xi.

Membership Education

- Utilize the Core Associate Member Education Program in *Alpha 9* within a 49-day period and institute a true "associate member" philosophy.

National and District Meetings

- Attend each National Convention, Newell District Leadership Academy, Vredenburg Presidents Academy and Rising Star Academy

Risk Management

- Comply with the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy and establish a chapter judicial process that holds each member accountable for compliance with campus, Fraternity and chapter policies.

Family Programming

- Form and maintain a Parents/Family Club or Organization and/or provide family programming each year (Dad's Day, Mom's Weekend, Family Weekend, etc.)

Leadership Development

- Elect key colony officers to serve year-long terms of office, preferably January through December. (Required for President and Treasurer; strongly recommended for other executive officers)
- Participate in Theta Xi's Leadership Coaching program
- Ensure that at least 50% of colony members are engaged in leadership roles in campus or community organizations
- Demonstrate a commitment to broadening individual leadership opportunities by (1) attending campus-sponsored leadership events, as appropriate, and (3) scheduling at least one colony workshop/seminar each year that addresses some facet of leadership development (at least 50% participation)
- Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence by hosting/attending at least one annual academic success workshop (50% participation)
- Demonstrate a commitment to developing personal habits that lead to better mental and physical health by hosting/attending an annual health/wellness workshop (50 % participation)

Strategic Plan

Present a strategic plan that addresses each of the following issues:

- Express the future chapter's purpose and mission for its evolution and growth that will drive the chapter's goal setting, philosophy and policies and differentiate the chapter from other Greek organizations on campus.
- Adopt and share a timetable that demonstrates the chapters plan to reach a membership size that will insure the chapter's long-term ability to complete successfully within its campus Greek community.

The Petitioning Process

The timetable for chartering should be in the period of 12-18 months with the expectation it will not extend beyond two years.

The petition document should be submitted to the National Vice President of Administration, National Vice President of Chapter Operations and the Executive Director. They shall develop and agree upon when a positive recommendation to grant a charter is submitted for action. The recommendation will be provided in the form of a written inspection report prepared in consultation and review with the leadership of the chapter including its advisor, key alumni officers and the campus Greek Advisor. It shall be submitted to Fraternity Headquarters within 45 days of the receipt of the petition.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Theta XI Fraternity require that a motion to grant a charter be adopted as listed below:

- A three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge if the petition is submitted more than 90 days in advance of a national convention.
- A three quarters affirmative vote of the National Convention if the petition is submitted within 90 days of a National Convention

Ongoing Charter Status

The performance of each chapter on the Chapter Annual Report and its accompanying accreditation standing will be reviewed to confirm compliance with all these chartering standards

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