We, the members of Fraternity & Sorority Life at University of California, Merced, declare acceptance of and commitment to the following standards during any recruitment practice and throughout the year:

Because we believe in the value of Greek unity on our campus, we will not talk negatively about other fraternity and/or sorority organizations and will not take unfair advantage to promote our individual fraternity/sorority organization.

Because we believe in values based recruitment, we will focus recruitment methods on the ideals of our chapter and Fraternity & Sorority Life as a whole and refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs or other activities unbecoming of fraternal organizations.

Because we recognize the Potential New Members as distinct individuals with the right to make an informed decision without undue pressure from others, we will refrain from using recruitment gifts and preferential treatment to sway a Potential New Members’ opinion of chapters on our campus.

Because we believe that recruitment should be a fair and positive experience for Potential New Members, we will respect the Potential New Members’ ability to make his/her own decision including the decision to not join the Greek community.

Because we belong to historically single-sex organizations, we will maintain single-sex attendance at all formal recruitment events.

Because we believe in the privacy of Potential New Members, and their right to an impartial recruitment, all disassociated members will refrain from sharing any privileged information.

Because we believe in the value of individual differences, we promise to welcome all ages, sexual orientations, social disabilities, races, religions and nationalities to increase the diversity of our membership.

Because we believe in the Potential New Members’ right to an unbiased recruitment process, we will refrain from contacting any Potential New Member outside of formal recruitment events during the formal recruitment process.

Because we place full faith and trust in our brothers and sisters, we will be respectful of Fraternity & Sorority Council and all others involved in the administration of the formal recruitment process.

Because we believe in parity, chapters will be restricted to equal resources during formal recruitment.

It shall be the responsibility of all members to understand and abide by the UC Merced Standards for Ethical Recruitment, as it is based on our own member organization’s values.

To all this we bind ourselves in an oath of fellowship and goodwill between all fraternity and sorority organizations at University of California, Merced.

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