The NPC Extension Committee has received minutes evidencing the Panhellenic Council’s unanimous vote to open for extension. There are currently three NPC groups on campus: Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta. The chapters range in size from 85 to 93. Campus total is 93. Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. is the newest group to be added to campus, colonizing in fall 2014. There are also three NIC groups and two NALFO groups. The chapters do not have official houses on or off campus. The campus provides opportunities to reserve meeting space on and off the main campus ranging in size from five person rooms to one hundred person rooms.

Located in Merced, Calif., the University of California, Merced is a four-year public research institution, which enrolls 5884 students, 51.5% of which are female. UC Merced offers 21 different baccalaureate degrees in engineering, natural sciences, and social sciences, humanities, and arts in addition to master’s and Ph.D. degrees in 12 program areas. The University has major plans for structural and enrollment growth in order to accommodate 10,000 students by the year 2020. For more information, see the University’s website: http://www.ucmerced.edu/ and for information on the 2020 project see this website: http://2020project.ucmerced.edu/

Fast facts about the UC Merced Fraternity and Sorority Life system:

1. Fraternity and Sorority Life started at UC Merced in spring 2009.
2. 9.14% of undergraduates are in a Greek organization.
3. 9.99% of women are in an NPC organization.
4. The community’s GPA has been above the all campus average in all but one semester.
5. The community averages close to 5000 hours of community service each year.
6. The community averages over $10,000 in philanthropic donations each year.
7. This is the first extension process since the inception of the NPC community.

UC Merced requests the following information from organizations wishing to establish a chapter at UC Merced:

1. A letter on behalf of the inter/national organization expressing reasons for wanting to establish a chapter at the University of California, Merced and a statement of commitment agreeing to the following University policies and guidelines:
   a. Alignment with the University of California, Merced Principles of Community, the four pillars of Fraternity and Sorority Life at UCM, and the four aspirational goals of the Division of Student Affairs (Transformational, impact, nimble, and inclusive).
   b. Adherence to the University of California, Merced Greek Initiative requirements and agreement that the colony will meet the minimum standards outlined in this document prior to chartering.
   c. Compliance with all University of California, Merced policies and guidelines.
   d. General support for and compliance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and any other rules of the Fraternity and Sorority Council.
   e. Agreement to complete the prospective colonization process and charter the chapter within an eighteen-month timeline from the date the colony period begins.
   f. Confirmation that the chapter being established will be supported by a local advisory board consisting of at least 4 advisors by the time colony period begins.
2. General information regarding the inter/national organization including history, a description of the organization’s founding values and principles, number of collegiate chapters nationwide, locations of chapters in the state of California and in the Southwest, average chapter size nationwide, the inter/national organization’s Statement of Purpose, expectations of members and a copy of the organization’s governance structure.

3. Verification that a copy of the certificate of insurance for the inter/national organization’s general liability policy with a minimum of $1 million dollars in coverage will be shared upon colonization.

4. Verification that a copy of the organization’s 501(c)(7)-tax status certificate from the Internal Revenue Service will be shared upon colonization.

5. Copies of the following organization policies: general membership standards, scholarship, recruitment, membership education, hazing, discrimination and risk management.

6. Demographics of alumnae within a 100-mile radius of the University.

7. Letter confirming the support for an undergraduate chapter by alumnae and/or alumnae association located in the central valley or northern California area.

8. A developed timeline outlining how potential members will be sought out/recruited and membership growth plans.

9. A developed colony period timeline outlining necessary details for how the colony will attain its charter at the institution within the required eighteen month timeline.

10. Information regarding the five most recent expansions efforts (including the chapter’s current status). Please note the institutions may be contacted prior to the organization expanding to UCM.

11. List of institutions where the organization received any disciplinary sanctions and an overview of legal action brought against the national organization within the last five years, the nature of the infraction(s), and an overview of how the inter/national organization responded to the situation(s).

12. Requirements and procedures for establishing a new chapter.

13. An overview and/or outline of the new member education program process, leadership development programs, scholarship programs and initiatives, officer development programs and general membership development programs.

14. Financial support available to the colony, including a statement concerning how, and if, the inter/national organization will handle any outstanding liabilities or other legal responsibilities incurred by the prospective chapter, in the event they are not successful in their attempt to become a prospective chapter.

15. Inter/national policies applicable to undergraduate colonies and chapters.

16. An overview of the leadership development opportunities available to members within the region (if applicable).

17. An overview of the support provided to the chapter once the charter has been attained.

Exploratory visits must be conducted June 1-19, 2015, and will be coordinated with Steve Lerer, Assistant Director of Student Life and Interim Fraternity and Sorority Coordinator, Slerer@ucmerced.edu, 209-228-4228.

Application materials must be submitted by close of business on Friday, July 3, 2015 via the online form located on the UC Merced Fraternity and Sorority website. For more information and the detailed timeline, contact Steve Lerer, Interim Fraternity and Sorority Coordinator, or visit the campus Fraternity and Sorority Life website at http://fraternitysorority.ucmerced.edu/how-join/expansion-forming-new-chapters.

**Timeline and Application Process:**

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