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The Fraternity and Sorority Council at UC Merced has officially voted to open the campus for fraternity expansion for two spaces, one in Spring 2017 and the other in Spring 2018. There are currently three NPC groups, three NIC groups, and two NALFO groups on campus with chapters ranging in size from 20 to 93. Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. is the newest group to be added to campus, colonizing in Fall 2014. Additionally, this semester we will be adding two fraternities, Pi Kappa Phi and Pi Lambda Phi, and two sororities, Phi Mu Sorority and Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

In order to be eligible for expansion at the University of California, Merced, interested organizations must be inter/national fraternities. The University of California, Merced defines a "inter/national" fraternity or sorority in the following terms: the organization has a headquarters or office space and staff; has non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service; has a Board of Directors with a regional structure component as well as governance documents; has proof of general commercial liability insurance policy with a minimum of one million dollars in coverage; and has a regional and national structure of meetings or conventions.

The University of California, Merced is a four-year public research institution, which enrolls 6,685 students. 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. 10% of undergraduates are in a Greek organization.
3. The community's GPA has been above the all campus average in all but one semester.
4. The community averages close to 5000 hours of community service each year.
5. The community averages over \$10,000 in philanthropic donations each year.

The following is the University and Fraternity and Sorority Council plan to put in place a three-year expansion timeline with the following guidelines, with Spring 2017 and Spring 2018 open for this round of expansion, as the other spaces have been filled:

Colonization for Spring 2016:

1. Two Fraternities
2. One NPC Sorority
3. One non-NPC Sorority

Colonization for Spring 2017:

1. **Up to One Fraternity**
2. Up to One non-NPC Sorority

Colonization for Spring 2018:

1. **Up to One Fraternity**
2. One NPC Sorority

Application materials must be submitted by close of business on Friday, February 26, 2016 via the online form located on the UC Merced Fraternity and Sorority website or at <https://goo.gl/kKqPtM>. For information, contact Richard Arquette, Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life and Student Conduct, or visit the campus Fraternity and Sorority Life website at <http://fraternitysorority.ucmerced.edu/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Arquette".

Richard Arquette
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