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The Fraternity and Sorority Council at UC Merced has officially voted to open the campus for NPHC expansion. There are currently four NPC sororities, six NIC fraternities, one multicultural sorority, two NALFO sororities, and seven professional co-ed fraternities on campus with chapters ranging in size from 7 to 66. Sigma Tau Gamma and Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. being our two newest groups, colonizing in Spring 2017.

In order to be eligible for expansion at the University of California, Merced, interested organizations must be inter/national fraternities and sororities. 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 8,544 students with 7,881 undergraduates. UC Merced offers 24 different baccalaureate degrees in engineering, natural sciences, and social sciences, humanities, and arts in addition to Master's and Ph.D. degrees in 18 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. 11.02% of undergraduates are in a Greek organization.
3. The community's GPA is consistently above the campus average. In 2018, we had 189 members on the Dean's List and 5.05% higher GPA than all UCM undergraduates.
4. The community averages close to 4,100 hours of community service each year.
5. The community averages over \$40,000 in philanthropic donations each year.

The University and Fraternity and Sorority Council plan to put in place a one-year expansion timeline with the following guidelines:

Chartering Spring 2020:

1. One NPHC Fraternity
2. One NPHC Sorority

Application materials must be submitted by close of business on **Monday, October 14th, 2019** via the online form located on the UC Merced Fraternity and Sorority website or at <https://tinyurl.com/UCMNPHCExpansion>. For information, contact Hayley Montoya, Fraternity and Sorority Life Coordinator, or visit the campus Fraternity and Sorority Life website at <http://fraternitysorority.ucmerced.edu/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hayley Montoya".

Hayley Montoya, M.A.
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