

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

Dear Interested Student,

I am excited about your interest and dedication in forming a new social fraternity or sorority on campus. This packet will inform you of the University's expansion policy to form Greek-letter organizations at Moravian University. This policy has been endorsed and approved by the Executive Vice President for University Life & Dean of Students, as well as the Moravian University Greek Council.

The packet consists of two separate documents.

1. The University's Expansion Policy which summarizes the process toward chartering a new chapter; and
2. The University's Expansion Application which outlines the information needed to be considered by the Greek Life Expansion Committee.

The policy, as well as the application, was developed to ensure fraternity and sorority expansion occurs in a manner which includes a carefully developed plan conducive to the educational mission and core values of Moravian University. The policy aims to provide support and guidance for new groups, as well as consider the strengths of our current Greek organizations. The overarching goal is to provide maximum support for current fraternity and sorority students and their chapters, as well as non-affiliated students interested in adding a new opportunity within Greek Life for Moravian students.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the policy or application process. I look forward to reviewing your application and learning more about your interest in Greek Life.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Yates", written in a cursive style.

Liz Yates
Associate Dean of Students

Fraternities and sororities have a long heritage and rich tradition at Moravian University. In an effort to ensure controlled growth of the Greek community, while maintaining stable, viable membership in the existing chapters, the following policy has been developed to outline the University procedure for the recognition of new social fraternities and sororities. As we look to the future of Greek Life, we must continue to focus on our current chapters and work to improve the Greek community internally, while considering the needs and interests of the broader student population.

As current chapters become stronger, Moravian University recognizes the prospect for expansion of new sustainable chapters that will provide opportunities for non-affiliated students. Each expansion process is unique, but similar in the fact that chartering a new chapter requires a cohesive effort from multiple constituencies. Specifically, interested students, inter/national organizations, and university representatives must work together to develop successful new chapters that will thrive.

Recognized Organizations

Any group interested in expanding to Moravian University must have an established Inter/National Headquarters and be recognized by one of the following umbrella organizations:

- North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC)
- National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)
- National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC)
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO)
- National Asian Pacific American Panhellenic Association (NAPA)

Greek Life Expansion Application

Any interested group of full-time enrolled students may complete a Greek Life Expansion Application. Completed applications are accepted by the Office of Greek Life at any time. However, applications submitted after September 15 and February 15 will be considered for review the subsequent semester.

The Associate Dean of Students will review all submitted applications for complete content. If complete applications are on file at the date outlined above, the Associate Dean of Students will convene the Greek Life Expansion Committee.

Greek Life Expansion Committee (GLEC)

All Greek Life Expansion Applications must be approved and endorsed by the Greek Life Expansion Committee (GLEC) which convenes once per semester within ten days prior to or following October 1 and March 1. GLEC is chaired by the Associate Dean of Students and may include three (3) Greek students, preferably current or past Chapter, Panhellenic, and/or IFC Presidents; and two (2) Chapter or Faculty Advisors of established Greek chapters.

Once convened, GLEC will first determine if the University is ready for expansion. Specifically, GLEC will discuss the strengths of the established chapters particularly regarding membership size, as well as the composition and interest of the general student population. If determined to be ready, GLEC will review all applications for content and quality, as well as consider which group best matches the need and has the best potential for success and longevity.

GLEC will provide recommendations regarding the best application to move forward and may request to meet with that group, if they deem appropriate. Otherwise, the Associate Dean of Students will communicate and work with the applying group to discuss their potential for moving forward in the process to become a recognized group. Other groups who submitted application for review will be informed of the status of their application.

Overview of Expansion Procedure

Approved groups are expected to follow one of the three specific expansion procedures: Interfraternity Expansion Procedure, Multicultural Organization Expansion Procedure, or Panhellenic Organization Extension Procedure. These procedures are designed specifically to fit the needs of the organization interested in expanding at Moravian University. Approved groups will work closely with the Associate Dean of Students, as well as GLEC, who will guide the group through the expansion/extension procedure.

Interfraternity Expansion Procedure

Interested groups who have been approved by GLEC to form an organization under the umbrella group of the North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC) are expected to participate in the following:

- Consult with the Associate Dean of Students who will work with NIC to contact all organizations interested in expansion and request appropriate materials and a formal request of interest from those inter/national organizations.
- After all requests and supporting materials have been submitted, GLEC will select 3-5 finalists to present to the University community. The Associate Dean of Students will provide details regarding what the presentation must highlight. Those groups not selected will be notified.
- Following campus presentations, GLEC will provide a recommendation to the Executive Vice President for University Life & Dean Students, who will make the decision of what organization to invite to campus. The decision will consider the quality of the proposal and presentation, as well as the needs of the campus and potential for long-term success.
- Once an invitation is extended and accepted, other groups will be notified of the selection. The Associate Dean of Students will immediately begin working with the selected organization to determine a timeline for the organization.

Multicultural Organization Expansion Procedure

Interested groups who have been approved by GLEC to form an organization under (1) the National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC), (2) National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), (3) National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), or (4) National Asian Pacific American Panhellenic Association (NAPA) are expected to participate in the following:

- Consult with the Associate Dean of Students to identify organizations within the appropriate umbrella group who may be interested in expansion and request appropriate materials and a formal request of interest from those inter/national organizations.
- After all requests and supporting materials have been submitted, GLEC will select 3-5 finalists to present to the University community. The Associate Dean of Students will provide details regarding what the presentation must highlight. Those groups not selected will be notified.
- Following campus presentations, GLEC will provide a recommendation to the Executive Vice President for University Life & Dean of Students, who will make the decision of what organization to invite to campus. The decision will consider the quality of the proposal and presentation, as well as the needs of the campus and potential for long-term success.
- Once an invitation is extended and accepted, other groups will be notified of the selection. The Associate Dean of Students will immediately begin working with the selected organization to determine a timeline for the organization.

Panhellenic Organization Extension Procedure

Interested groups who have been approved by GLEC to form an organization under the umbrella group of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) must understand that Panhellenic Extension Procedures strictly follow the NPC Manual of Information.

When a significant number of students are unable to affiliate with the existing chapters, the College Panhellenic may wish to add another NPC group and would begin taking the following steps:

- The College Panhellenic consults GLEC regarding the addition of another NPC organization.
- If GLEC supports, the College Panhellenic would consult with the NPC Area Advisor and the NPC Extension Committee Chair regarding options.
- An Extension Exploration Committee could be formed to analyze statistics regarding enrollment and recruitment, assess the needs of the Panhellenic community and gauge other extension readiness factors. The Committee would compile a report and include a recommendation as to whether to extend or not at this time.

If the Extension Exploratory Committee's report and motion recommends opening and the vote passes, the Panhellenic Council appoints a College Panhellenic Extension Committee and continues to follow the Panhellenic Extension Procedures outlined in the NPC Manual of Information.