OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
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UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA AFFILIATE CIRCLE

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OVERVIEW AND STRUCTURE

The Affiliate Circle at the University of Oklahoma is home to recognized fraternity and sorority organizations meeting the Title IX exemption requirements that do not have membership in an established governing council at the national or local level. The Affiliate Circle provides community, staff support, and oversight to organizations in the circle. Affiliated organizations receive resources and benefits associated with being an officially recognized Greek-lettered organization affiliated with Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services.

The Affiliate Circle does not have a student governance board and is overseen by the staff of Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services.

Current Affiliate Circle organizations:

- *Alpha Sigma Kappa*
- *Beta Upsilon Chi*
- *Gamma Delta Pi, Inc.*
- *Iota Gamma, Inc.*
- *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia*
- *Sigma Alpha Iota*
- *Sigma Phi Lambda*

AFFILIATE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Affiliate Circle is reserved for recognized and registered student organizations meeting the Title IX exemption requirements that do not have membership in an established governing council at the national or local level. *

Should an inter/national organization have membership in an established governing council, they are not eligible for membership in the Affiliate Circle. Organizations belonging to the listed governing organizations below should pursue membership in the corresponding local governing council at the University of Oklahoma through each council's specified expansion policies and processes.

Organizations belonging to the below list of national governing bodies are **NOT** eligible for membership in the Affiliate Circle:

- **NAPA – National APIDA Panhellenic Association**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU Multicultural Greek Council
- **NALFO – National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU Multicultural Greek Council
- **NMGC – National Multicultural Greek Council**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU Multicultural Greek Council
- **NPHC – National Pan-Hellenic Council**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU National Pan-Hellenic Council
- **NPC – National Panhellenic Conference**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU Panhellenic Association
- **NIC – North American Interfraternity Conference**
  - Should pursue membership in the OU Interfraternity Council

**Please note that organizations with Affiliate Circle membership prior to 2023 might have membership in established governing councils at the inter/national level.*

EXPECTATIONS OF AFFILIATE CIRCLE ORGANIZATIONS

All Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and fraternity/sorority organizations have set expectations to maintain Good Standing status. Expectations are laid out in the FSPS Minimum Expectations Covenant.

These expectations include, but are not limited to:

- Follow all University of Oklahoma, Student Life, and FSPS policies.
- Complete the FSPS Minimum Expectations Covenant, RSO Registration Process, and any other required paperwork by specified due dates.
- All members must be enrolled students at the University of Oklahoma and organizations must have a minimum of 10 members to meet RSO registration requirements.
- Affiliate Circle organizations are required to have at least a 2.50 chapter GPA.
  - Organizations falling below this requirement will be placed on probation and will meet with their FSPS coach for assistance in creating an academic plan.
- Organizations must have a faculty advisor to meet RSO registration requirements.
- Organizations are also expected to have a chapter alumni advisor or support structure from the regional or inter/national organization.
- Participation in FSPS programs and events (chapter coaching meetings, retreats, educational sessions, etc.)

AFFILIATE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership in the Affiliate Circle comes with a variety of resources and support to assist affiliated organizations as they operate on campus. Outside of

Affiliate Circle organization receive the following benefits as members of the circle:

- Recognition as a sorority or fraternity organization at the University of Oklahoma
- Listing in FSPS publications, website, etc.
- Access to a staff council advisor in the Office of Student Life, mirroring the staff structure of the other 4 governing councils.
- Individual chapters will be assigned FSPS Chapter Coaches to support chapter leaders throughout their leadership terms.
- Membership grade verification and semesterly grade reports.
- Invitations to participate in all FSPS-hosted events and programs.
- Consistent communication with regional and/or intern/national organization contacts.
- Individual and organizational recognition opportunities through programs like Greek Awards, President's Cup, etc.
- Support and assistance in petitioning for council membership if applicable.
- Support and guidance with membership recruitment and intake.

EXPANSION PROCESS OF THE AFFILIATE CIRCLE

Organizations wishing to join the Affiliate Circle should first reach out to fsps@ou.edu to express intent to join the community. The organization will request a meeting with FSPS staff at this time. During this meeting, FSPS staff will provide guidance and discuss the affiliation process. The official Affiliate Circle application will be provided to the organization at this time.

To gain official membership in the Affiliate Circle, organizations must:

- Register the organization as an RSO with the University of Oklahoma.
- Have at least 10 members and a faculty advisor.
- Have a local constitution and/or bylaws and other governing documents.
- Create a growth and recruitment plan and a new member education plan.
- Have clear risk management and harm prevention policies in place.
- Confirmation of recognition with an inter/national organization with a comprehensive insurance policy.
- Established local alumni advisory support system.
- Complete Affiliate Circle application.

Once the list above is completed and the Affiliate Circle application has been submitted, organizations expressing membership interest will prepare a brief presentation for FSPS staff. FSPS reserves the right to extend membership to the Affiliate Circle.