

# Scholarship Policy

## **Section 1. Scholarship Mission Statement**

**Paragraph 1.** A student at the University of Northern Iowa is here primarily for an education, or to act as a student first. The goals and activities of Fraternal organizations shall complement and support the educational mission of the university. A chapter's scholastic achievement ultimately depends on the performance and motivation of each individual member, but the drive for excellence can be stimulated by each chapter through the support and assistance provided by the Interfraternity Council, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Community, and the University as a whole. Each fraternity at the University of Northern Iowa will maintain an environment conducive to learning.

## **Section 2. Minimum GPA requirement**

**Paragraph 1.** Required per Member Chapter for good standing, a 2.75 Chapter GPA. The Interfraternity Council will require that all Member Chapters will maintain the minimum GPA set forth. This standard aligns with the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) standards, and represents one of the four pillars of fraternities here at UNI Scholarship. The executive board has the option to increase the GPA requirement, and must be passed by a vote of the IFC representatives.

## **Section 3. Academic Achievement Report**

**Paragraph 1.** The Vice President of Scholarship will receive the Academic Achievement Report from the Office of Student Life at the beginning of each semester. This document will have the list of current and new member GPAs and the overall GPA for the respective chapter. Any information using GPAs (academic guidance, incentives, etc.) will be taken from the information on this form.

**Line 1.** A Midterm Grade Report reporting Ds and Fs in courses will also be provided to chapter scholarship chairs and presidents for each semester.

**Paragraph 2.** All chapters under the UNI Inter-fraternity council will be required to submit a midterm grade report with data from all members. This will include grades from every member for each individual class, without disclosure of that individual's name. Along with this, it shall have the number of credits each class is worth. A submitted total of where the midterm grade report for the chapter must also be submitted as well. A fine of \$10 will be incurred for every member that is not on the list.

#### **Section 4. Definitions**

**Paragraph 1. Academic Guidance** - A chapter will be placed on Academic Guidance when the chapter GPA for a single semester falls below the required minimum GPA outlined to remain in good standing (according to IFC bylaws)

**Paragraph 2. Academic Probation** - A chapter will be placed on Academic Probation when the Chapter GPA for two or more consecutive semesters falls below the required minimum GPA outlined to remain in good standing.

**Paragraph 3. Social Events** - As defined by the social policy.

#### **Section 5. Academic Guidance - *1st semester below 2.75***

**Paragraph 1.** Chapter will host 2 of their own separate TLC (The Learning Center) based events with at least 85% of chapter members in attendance. The VP of Scholarship and/or President of IFC must also be in attendance at both of these events.

**Line 1.** These events must be communicated to the TLC, FSL Advisor, VP of Scholarship, and the IFC president within the first 2 weeks of the semester

**Line 2.** It is the chapter's responsibility to communicate with the TLC in a timely manner what the event will be on (ex. Taking Notes, Finals Prep, etc.), determine the materials needed (ex. How many papers to print, pens to bring, etc.), and location of the event.

**Paragraph 2.** The chapter will still be able to host social events as long as they follow the proper registration and guideline procedures for the semester in which they are on "academic guidance". The chapter must have one of the two required TLC before their next social event after the academic guidance has been set.

**Paragraph 3.** Chapter will provide the VP of Scholarship with the chapter's scholarship plan for the semester

**Line 1.** Outline of GPA requirement to join as well as maintain to be in the chapter

**Line 2.** Information about members when they are on academic probation within their respective chapters

**Line 3.** Any bylaws regarding their scholarship policy

**Paragraph 4.** The chapter will provide the Vice President of scholarship the needed information in a timely manner (within the first 2 weeks of the semester they are on Academic Guidance)

**Section 6. Academic Probation - 2 consecutive semesters**

**Paragraph 1.** The chapter may only have 1 registered social event with alcohol within that semester.

**Paragraph 2.** Chapter will host another 2 of their own separate TLC (The Learning Center) based events with at least 85% of chapter members in attendance. The VP of Scholarship and/or President of IFC must also be in attendance at both of these events.

**Paragraph 3.** A meeting between the following people will happen within the first 2 weeks of the semester: the IFC VP of Scholarship, the IFC President, the chapter's President and Scholarship Chair, the FSL advisor, and the chapter's advisor. This will happen within the first 2 weeks of the semester to discuss the chapter's scholarship plan of action for that semester.

**Paragraph 4.** The VP of Scholarship and FSL Advisor will draft a letter together and contact a National Representative of the chapter.

**Section 7. IFC Membership Review - 3rd consecutive semester below 2.75**

**Paragraph 1.** The Chapter's IFC Membership will be in jeopardy.

**Paragraph 2.** No social events until chapter gets above a 2.75.

**Paragraph 3.** Upon reaching this level, the Chapter will schedule a meeting with a National Representative of the Chapter, the Dean of Students, FSL Advisor, Chapter Advisor, Chapter President, Chapter Scholarship Chair, and the IFC VP of Scholarship.

**Paragraph 4.** The FSL Advisor will contact a National Representative of the Chapter.

**Section 8. Social Roundtables**

**Paragraph 1.** Chapters will be ranked in order of GPA to determine date selection for scheduling social events at social roundtables

**Section 9. Review**

**Paragraph 1.** The Scholarship Policy must be reviewed every semester by the current Vice President of Scholarship pertaining to the GPA requirement and the Incentives

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