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A copy of the Widener University policy prohibiting hazing, as required under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2808 can be found in the *Widener University Student Handbook* at <https://catalog.widener.edu/index.php>

NO.	SUBJECT OF REPORT	DATE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	DATE OF RESOLUTION
2014-001	Several undergraduate female new members from Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority	3/21/14	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority violated Widener University's policy against hazing and sexual harassment on February 12, 2014 during an unsanctioned event called "Signature Night". A broad investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Pi Lambda Pi Fraternity, and Theta Chi Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. The behaviors in question that constituted a violation are listed separately within each fraternity's report due to the "round robin" nature of the unsanctioned event. The activities in question were found to have been directed by the fraternity presidents and included the participation of fraternity new member educators, general fraternity members, new and general members of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority including officers.</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; loss of student organization recognition; loss of voting privileges with PHA Council; loss of ability to recruit new members for one year; adhere to sanctions issued by National Office including temporary suspension of charter; one-year social probation; educational sanctions focusing on hazing, bystander intervention, and sexual health.</p>	3/28/14
2014-002 (related to 2014-001)	Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity	3/21/14	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation it was found that members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) introduce themselves to the group, (2) sing Happy Birthday to the group, (3) directed to compliment / insult a fraternity brother; (4) directed to play a game of "suck and blow".</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; loss of student organization recognition for remainder of academic year; educational sanctions focusing on hazing and bystander intervention.</p>	3/24/14

<p>2014-003 (related to 2014-001)</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Phi Delta Theta Fraternity</p>	<p>3/21/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation it was found that members of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) make Kool-Aid and give it to a thirsty brother; (2) tell a fraternity brother your favorite pickup line; (3) create a rap regarding how much you love Phi Sigma Sigma.</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; social probation for one academic semester; educational sanctions focusing on hazing and bystander intervention.</p>	<p>3/24/14</p>
<p>2014-004 (related to 2014-001)</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Tau Kappa Epsilon</p>	<p>3/21/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation it was found that members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) eat five or six saltine crackers in one minute; (2) provide a lap dance to the winner of the saltine cracker contest at the direction of the fraternity president.</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; social probation for one academic semester; educational sanctions focusing on hazing, bystander intervention, and sexual health.</p>	<p>3/24/14</p>
<p>2014-005 (related to 2014-001)</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Kappa Sigma Fraternity</p>	<p>3/21/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation, it was found that members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) twerk against the wall; (2) directed to play game "kiss one, slap one, fondle one" (No males or females were fondled, rather pledges slapped brothers on the butt); (3) directed to talk to a fraternity brother and disclosure their favorite sexual position.</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; social probation for one academic semester; educational sanctions focusing on hazing, bystander intervention, and sexual health; loss of ability to apply for University-themed housing</p>	<p>3/24/14</p>
<p>2014-006 (related to 2014-001)</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity</p>	<p>3/21/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation, it was found that members of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) participate in a sexually explicit banana-eating contest; (2) participate in a Pokemon-themed game of charades; (3) participate in a game called "kill one, marry one, fuck one".</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; social probation for one academic semester; educational sanctions focusing on hazing, bystander intervention, and sexual health; loss of ability to apply for University-themed housing</p>	<p>3/24/14</p>

<p>2014-007 (related to 2014-001)</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity members from Theta Chi Fraternity</p>	<p>3/21/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report claiming that members of Theta Chi Fraternity violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in an unsanctioned new member event called "Signature Night" on February 12, 2014. A broad university investigation initiated on February 19, 2014 found that members of Theta Chi Fraternity were found responsible in the hazing of the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Through the investigation it was found that members of Theta Chi Fraternity directed the new members of Phi Sigma Sigma to take the following actions: (1) participate in a sexually explicit banana eating contest; (2) participate in a Theta Chi pledge giving a lap dance to a Phi Sigma Sigma pledge (3) male and female new members directed to make sex noises resembling orgasms</p> <p>Outcome: Immediate removal of Chapter President; limited campus recognition for one semester; educational sanctions focusing on hazing, bystander intervention, and sexual health; loss of ability to apply for University-themed housing; compliance with directions from Theta Chi National HQ; complete terms of prior organization probation</p>	<p>3/24/14</p>
<p>2014-008</p>	<p>Several undergraduate male fraternity new members from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.</p>	<p>4/7/14</p>	<p>The Office of Student Life received a report on April 6, 2014 claiming that members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. violated Widener University's policy against hazing by participating in off-campus new member events that resulted in bodily harm. A university investigation initiated on April 7, 2014 found enough evidence to substantiate the claim of physical hazing.</p> <p>Outcome: Termination of recognition of interest group; immediate cease and desist of all undergraduate activities; termination of current or future relationship between Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Widener University for the foreseeable future; ineligibility to recruit students at Widener University for the foreseeable future.</p>	<p>4/7/14</p>