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Expansion Council Memo 2024 - 2025

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) hosts a community of Greek-letter organizations that represent various backgrounds, principles and values. Greek Life has the ability to provide significant positive undergraduate experiences for UCSC students through the development and enhancement of student learning. These experiences include leadership development, organizational management, interpersonal and group dynamics, social development, philanthropic spirit, career development, and academic achievement.

Our efforts this past academic year have been dedicated to working with our Greek-letter organizations, councils, and community to meet the requirements and be in compliance with federal and state laws, such as the Fraternity and Sorority Transparency Act. In recent years, Greek Life at UCSC has experienced several Greek-letter organizations having undergone university investigations as well as been issued university suspensions. As such, we have been dedicating time in revamping the support and resources provided to our Greek-letter organizations. After careful assessment and discussion on the state of Greek Life at UCSC, expansion will be closed for the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is our goal that the Greek Life at UCSC is healthy, safe and thriving. It is our charge and responsibility to ensure that the resources are in place to support all Greek-letter organizations and councils in their required operations. We will continue working with student leaders in Greek Life in efforts to uphold and maintain a safe Greek Life environment, chapter membership size as well as strengthening the unity of our community. In doing this, we want to ensure that when expansion opens in the future, that future interest organizations are given the best opportunities and conditions to succeed in the expansion process.

The Expansion Council, in consultation with SOMeCA, will review expansion for the subsequent academic year during late Winter 2025 to early Spring 2025.

Recognition guidelines have been developed at UCSC for Greek-letter organizations due to their complex and unique nature. Please review our Expansion Policy at someca.ucsc.edu.

If you have any questions, please email expansioncouncil@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely,

SOMeCA