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Expansion Council Memo 2023 - 2024

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.

The 2022 - 2023 academic year was notable for Greek Life with the passing of Assembly Bill 524 - Postsecondary Education: Campus-Recognized Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act. Having taken into effect in January 2023, this new state law requires each higher education institution to compile and maintain collected information about Greek-letter organizations in a publicly accessible report. 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 the new state law.

After careful assessment and discussions on the state of Greek Life at UCSC as well as how the new state law will continue to be a factor in the operations of Greek Life statewide, UC-wide and at UCSC, expansion will be closed for the 2023 – 2024 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, such as managing risk and upholding federal laws. We will continue working with student leaders in Greek Life in efforts to 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 will review expansion for the subsequent academic year during late Winter 2024 to early Spring 2024.

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 Expansion Council at expansioncouncil@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely,

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