

DELTA TAU DELTA

Accreditation Report

2007-2008

Scholarship

- Delta Tau Delta was ranked 3rd among fraternities in the fall 2007 semester with a GPA of 3.161, which placed them above the All Undergraduate, All Greek, All Men's, and All Fraternity averages. The chapter spring GPA was 7th among fraternities, with a 3.122, still above the All Men's and All Fraternity GPA.
- Delta Tau Delta had 18% of their chapter on Dean's List in the fall 2007 semester, and 13% on Dean's List in the spring 2008 semester.
- The chapter's new members obtained a spring 2008 GPA of 2.957, which was 9th among fraternities.
- The chapter has taken the recommendations from last year and worked to improve their scholarship plan. Their plan of action included weekly meetings with the President and Director of Academic Affairs, or to seek tutoring through the Center for Academic Success if under a 2.5 GPA. The committee recommends the chapter increase the GPA standard, as well as working with the Center for Academic Success to turn their course library system into an actual peer tutoring system.
- The academic plan has potential and could be a very good plan if the chapter adheres to it and works to continue to meet individual brothers' needs.
- The chapter continued to work on digitizing their library files.
- The chapter acquired a new faculty advisor Dr. Jill Schneider, a professor in the Biological Sciences, who has been a great asset to the chapter with attending meetings and creating workshops that enhance the chapter academic plans.
- Kelly Grim, Director of the Center for Academic Success, conducted a stress management workshop with the chapter. Additionally, the chapter worked closely with her office to improve their Scholarship program.
- The chapter is working on developing a brother grade release form for next year to better assist individuals academically. The committee recommends the chapter invite Assistant Dean of Student Conduct Chris Mulvihill or Frank Roth from General Counsel to do a FERPA guideline educational session with the brothers.
- The committee recommends the chapter continue to make scholarship a focus. The chapter has done well with improving grades, but needs to establish additional stringent support systems for members to ensure that they do not slip in academics.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Delta Tau Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Leadership

- The chapter has worked very closely with Delta Tau Delta Inter/National Headquarters and were recipients of the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence in January, one of 10 Delta chapters nationally to do so.
- The chapter worked closely with their Greek Life Coordinator and Inter/National Headquarters to approve their new member program.

- The chapter volunteered to be a part of Delta Tau Delta member education pilot program. Through this program, the chapter has become very creative in their programming efforts while meeting the interests of the brotherhood.
- The chapter worked with their Inter/National Headquarters staff on member education workshops during three separate chapter visits, which were extensive.
- The chapter sent three men to the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute.
- The chapter had Interfraternity Council involvement this year through the Facilities and Greek Week Chair positions.
- The chapter had members represented in various student groups' leadership positions, such as Student Senate, LUEMS, and several clubs/organizations. The chapter had also set goals for next year regarding leadership involvement in other organizations.
- The chapter took the committee's recommendations from last year and put a mid-year review process in place. The committee would like to see the chapter continue to work with their Admin Board on documentation and continued communication of officer progress/goals throughout the semester, particularly prior to the mid-year review.
- The committee recommends the chapter enhance the new member education program by adding brother/member expectations regarding the education period.
- The committee strongly recommends the chapter meet first thing in the fall 2008 semester with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and the Office of Student Leadership Development to assess available leadership development resources and how the chapter can internally utilize brothers' involvement in programs such as Leadership Lehigh. In addition, the chapter can assess resources available through Greek Life Leadership Coordinator Jess Misner and work to do more productive partnering both with the University and their International Headquarters.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Delta Tau Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Citizenship

- Delta Tau Delta had one code of conduct violation in the fall semester which the chapter took responsibility for.
- The chapter held a workshop with their Chapter Advisor on the International Fraternity's Member Responsibilities and Guidelines regarding risk management.
- The committee would like to commend the chapter for revising how they host social events at Lehigh so that they are in line with the Delta Tau Delta policies. As the chapter continues to host BYOB events, the committee encourages the chapter to work with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and their Headquarters to develop and refine these systems and serve as a role model to other organizations in the Greek community.
- The chapter continues to show improvement in the day-to-day running of the chapter. The executive board and committee structure seemed to be functioning well this year. The men need to continue to evaluate the mid-year evaluation process and incorporate on-going progress checks with officers.
- The chapter's Honor Board continues to improve. The committee recommends the Honor Board discuss positive ways to be proactive, in addition to the punitive nature that is currently used as a deterrent. The committee also recommends the Honor Board work on how they hold chapter members and alumni accountable. The chapter is encouraged to work with the Assistant Dean of Student Conduct Chris Mulvihill on these issues.

- The chapter has members involved in other campus activities. Again, they have set a goal of each member being involved in at least two organizations outside the fraternity for the 2008-2009 academic year. The committee encourages the chapter to follow through with this goal.
- The chapter volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club twice a week to help children with their homework.
- The chapter co-hosted Fall Fest with Alpha Phi Omega, which was an all-day event for mentally and emotionally challenged individuals.
- The chapter sponsored Midnight Munchies with Pi Beta Phi for the American Cancer Society and their annual car was with Alpha Omicron Pi to raise money for their National philanthropy Bleed Purple. The chapter donated to other chapter's philanthropies as well.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Delta Tau Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Partnership

- Delta Tau Delta partnered with Alpha Phi Omega to organize Fall Fest. The committee views this event to be a true partnership between two groups and would like to encourage the chapter to continue their work with this organization.
- The chapter has partnered with several other organizations for philanthropic events this year. The committee recommends the chapter continue with these partnerships, as well as strive to continue reaching out to fraternities and non-Greek organizations for quality partnerships and educational programs.
- The chapter brought in a good number of educational programs for brothers through Career Services, Dr. Jill Schneider, Lehigh University Police Department, and their Greek Life Coordinator.
- The chapter was visited three times this year by their Central Office through the member education pilot program. They have a very good partnership with their Central Office for educational opportunities.
- The chapter organized alumni tailgates and dinners during Young Alumni Weekend and Lehigh/Lafayette Weekend. In addition, the chapter organized an alumni golf tournament.
- The chapter hosted breakfast and dinner during Parent's Weekend.
- The chapter created an Alumni Recruitment Committee led by former Chapter President Ian Douglass, which allows for alumni involvement during the recruitment process. In addition, the chapter now has an Alumni House Corporation.
- The chapter's Alumni Advisor Anthony Albanese is very active with the chapter and attends chapter meetings each week, when possible.
- The chapter has an active and up-to-date website.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Delta Tau Delta to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Stewardship

- The chapter had no life safety violations.
- The chapter's damages have decreased since last year.
- The chapter house was kept in fairly good condition throughout the year. However, the chapter should look to include the outside of their facility in regular cleanups, particularly the area around the shed, as this was an issue in the spring semester.

- Delta Tau Delta was one of the top three finalists for the Stewardship Award from Residential Services at the Greek Awards Banquet in the spring.
- The chapter hosted Dodgeball during Greek Week again this year.
- The chapter was very involved in intramurals this year.
- The chapter has worked very closely with their Inter/National Headquarters on ritual.
- The chapter expects to end the year with a financial surplus. The committee commends the chapter for implementing a pre-approval system for purchases by the brotherhood.
- The committee encourages the chapter to include other members of the community in their open ceremonies, such as the Pledge Ceremony.

In the area of **Stewardship**, the committee rated Delta Tau Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Overall Rating

Delta Tau Delta

Delta Tau Delta took the recommendations of last year's committee very seriously and continued to partner well with their Inter/National Headquarters. The chapter made great strides this year and deserves credit for that. The chapter could be a major influence on the fraternity and sorority community at Lehigh, if they make the decision to go in that direction. The first step is continuing a positive relationship with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and working to become more of a voice in the Interfraternity Council.

The committee has assigned Delta Tau Delta an **overall rating of Silver Chapter**, which is considered a high level of achievement in the accreditation process, with all the privileges and rewards that accompany such a rating. The rewards/recognition will be discussed with the chapter's membership at the beginning of the new academic year. Congratulations!

Recommendations

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