

DELTA UPSILON

Accreditation Report

2007-2008

Scholarship

- Delta Upsilon's fall 2007 GPA is 16th amongst fraternities, at a 2.889. This is below the All Men's and All Fraternity GPA's. The chapter's spring 2008 GPA is 2.91, again 16th amongst fraternities and below the All Men's and All Fraternity GPA's.
- The chapter's spring 2008 new member GPA was 2.637, 16th amongst the fraternities.
- The committee recognizes that the chapter has made clear academic progress as they are no longer on IFC academic probation.
- The chapter worked with the Center for Academic Success to set goals and utilized the academic support meetings sponsored by the Interfraternity Council to assist in providing academic services to their chapter members.
- Delta Upsilon has continued to change the atmosphere in the chapter to one of academic support. This should continue and further efforts in this area can only assist the chapter in achieving their goals.
- Delta Upsilon utilized a new academic program this year; one that the entire chapter was able to rally around. The committee would like to see them improve on this program for next year and invest the time needed to determine how they as brothers can best serve each other academically.
- The chapter is utilizing Professor Terry Hart, their new academic advisor in an appropriate manner. The committee believes this to be a success and an improvement over past performance.
- Delta Upsilon should formalize their study buddy program and their referral and assessment programs. They can utilize the Center for Academic Success to develop, formalize, and enhance these programs.
- The chapter should continue to utilize the academic support that they have through the athletic program. As the use of this support has increased, the chapter has improved their academic ranking and service to their members.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Delta Upsilon to be a **Bronze Chapter**.

Leadership

- The chapter is definitely reworking many of their internal processes with the help of new leadership. This is providing more members with an opportunity to get involved and feel a sense of ownership over the organization. This is an area that was particularly strong during this academic year and it is hoped that the chapter continues to develop internal processes that work for them.
- Delta Upsilon was very involved with their National Organization, specifically through participation in conferences during both the fall and spring semester.
- The chapter took time this year to set goals, many if not most of which revolved around decentralizing the chapter leadership. The committee recommends that the chapter develop further goals in all areas of chapter operation.

- The chapter has worked with the Office of Student Leadership Development in providing workshops for the membership. This should be expanded for next year.
- Delta Upsilon's work on their new member manual and their new member educational program is recognized as a Best Practice.
- The chapter should examine their officer transition practices and utilize the Office of Student Leadership Development to ensure that their needs are met.
- Delta Upsilon made great strides in the area of leadership this year. They should utilize all of the resources at their disposal: Delta Upsilon Inter/National Headquarters, The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, the Office of Student Leadership Development, and others, to continue making progress.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Delta Upsilon to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Citizenship

- Delta Upsilon was found responsible for one violation of the Lehigh University Code of Conduct. The unregistered party was quite large and was held during recruitment. The chapter needs to continue to make good decisions, as they did after this event, to ensure that their actions meet community standards.
- Delta Upsilon continually does a great job with community service. The chapter is really starting to make the leap from just raising money or participating in service because they have to, instead doing them because the chapter cares about the community in which they live.
- The chapter has a solid standards board in place and the committee is confident they are utilizing it appropriately.
- The chapter's continued increases in involvement and overall chapter management is commendable and is recognized by the committee.
- Delta Upsilon's continued commitment to giving of their time, especially to causes that they care deeply about, and not just their money is considered a Best Practice by the committee.
- Delta Upsilon should work with both their International Headquarters and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs on developing and maintaining strong Risk Management policies and practices, especially concerning alcohol.

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Partnership

- Delta Upsilon has a good relationship with their alumni. One of the things the committee would like to see them do is continue to reach out to create a broader alumni base. The committee thinks this could help them with a diversity of thoughts and resources in the chapter house. Even with that recommendation, it should be noted that Delta Upsilon receives excellent support from their most active alumni.
- Delta Upsilon celebrated their 40th anniversary of their chapter house this year with the support of their alumni. They had a weekend of activities set up which included a dinner that was well supported by numerous alumni and their wives.

- The chapter shifted from a rush to recruitment model and looked for ways to partner to become more visible on campus. This was a big step for the chapter and one that the committee commends them on.
- Delta Upsilon should further explore partnerships with campus offices to increase the efficiency of their internal operations.
- The chapter continues to have an excellent relationship with their Greek Life Coordinator and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Next year, the committee recommends that the chapter becomes more involved with the Interfraternity Council.
- Delta Upsilon's partnership with *El Proyecto Hip Hop*; in which the entire chapter was involved is considered a Best Practice. This exemplifies the chapter's continued focus on being members of a larger community.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Delta Upsilon to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Stewardship

- Delta Upsilon has done an admirable job maintaining their facility this year.
- Delta Upsilon's house manager has a much improved relationship with Residential Services which is evident by them winning the Stewardship Award at the 2007-08 Greek Awards banquet.
- Delta Upsilon is commended for keeping the damage to their facility extremely low this academic year.
- The chapter did have a group lease violation in the spring 2008 semester. However, the cause of the violation was determined to not be the responsibility of current chapter members, so Delta Upsilon was only given a warning.
- Delta Upsilon is not currently an FMA chapter which means that they are not given the same level of fiscal management support of other chapters. They are handling their finances in a responsible manner and are in good standing.
- Delta Upsilon has continued to improve their relationships with both the University and their International Headquarters.
- Delta Upsilon is a "non-secret" fraternity and their ceremonies and rituals are open events. The chapter's practice of inviting all of the chapters on campus to attend their initiation is a Best Practice. This was an impressive opportunity to show that they live their ritual and in public. The committee is very proud of them for this.

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Overall Rating

Delta Upsilon

The chapter's honesty and candor about where they are as a chapter and how they have gone from being a one man show to more of a comprehensive unit was and remains very impressive. The chapter is clearly able to articulate what they want out of their fraternal experience and we commend them on both their self-examination and ability to share that with those who are charged with helping them reach their goals.

Delta Upsilon has come a long way this year as they have made some major and effective changes to their overall operations. They have stayed on track with their commitment to community service and continue to believe that giving of their time is better than just giving money. They have committed to the values of Delta Upsilon and showed this in a very public way by reinstating their public initiation this year. The committee recognizes and commends this effort and looks forward to seeing where their continued efforts will lead them in the coming years.

The committee assigns Delta Upsilon with an overall rating of Silver which is considered a high level of achievement in the accreditation process, with all of 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. Once again, congratulations on a great year and the committee is sure to see great things again next year.

Recommendations

- The chapter is utilizing Terry Hart, their new academic advisor in an appropriate and beneficial manner. The committee believes this to be a success and a marked improvement for the chapter and is happy to commend them for this. Delta Upsilon should continue to find new and creative ways to utilize Dr. Hart's expertise.
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Best Practices

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