

## GAMMA PHI BETA

Accreditation Report

2007-2008

### Scholarship

- Gamma Phi Beta was number one in grades for the fall 2007 semester, with a 3.425 GPA, and again in the spring 2008 semester with a 3.327 GPA.
- The chapter's new member GPA for the spring 2008 semester was a 3.117, third amongst the sororities.
- 31% of the chapter made Dean's List in the fall 2007 semester, 33% made Dean's List in the spring 2008 semester.
- The chapter received recognition from their Inter/National Organization as they earned Gamma Phi Beta's "International Scholarship Excellence Status" for the academic year.
- The chapter conducted two academic workshops with Chi Phi Fraternity during the fall 2007 semester on Study Skills and Time Management.
- Gamma Phi Beta utilizes many tools to assist in programming for scholarship; including a 3.0 banquet, a house bulletin board for scholarship issues, and Personal and Chapter Enrichment (P.A.C.E.) programming for intellectual development.
- Gamma Phi Beta spent time at their fall retreat specifically looking at their scholastic goals and putting them in concert with their International Organization's stated values.
- Gamma Phi Beta has very stringent requirements academically for new members, for existing members and for their executive board. The committee recommends that the chapter solidify the consequences for not meeting these requirements.
- Gamma Phi Beta should ensure that they are following their own headquarters' scholarship policy in relation to recruitment and new members.
- The chapter should continue to solidify their academic program by working with Office of Academic Support, especially to help train their academic mentors.
- The chapter has a solid relationship with their current faculty/ staff advisor, Andy Petters, but will need to find a replacement as he is living at the end of the year.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Gamma Phi Beta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

### Leadership

- The chapter has reengaged with their Inter/National Headquarters. They have reconnected with their ritual and values of Gamma Phi Beta. The committee commends these actions.
- Gamma Phi Beta's *Ritual Jeopardy* program that was utilized at the fall retreat is considered by the committee to be a Best Practice.
- The chapter's utilization of an assessment tool provided by their Inter/National Organization as a means to structure their goal setting for the current academic year worked well and should be continued.

- Gamma Phi Beta implemented a new practice this year, the Sunshine Award, as a means to continue recognizing chapter members. Continued recognition of members will ensure that the chapter moves forward in the area of leadership and in member involvement.
- The chapter had a well organized series of retreats this year. Gamma Phi Beta held an executive board retreat and a general membership retreat as well as a new officers' retreat.
- Gamma Phi Beta has continued to partner with their alumni corporation. They have added positions to their alumni house board and are looking for a chapter advisor through their house board.
- Gamma Phi Beta's new member leadership workshops with Lambda Chi Alpha continue to be a success as they bring together as many different resources as possible through Lehigh, their headquarters and through their alumni.
- Gamma Phi Beta's utilization of their webpage is considered a Best Practice. The website has a great design and pertinent information. Additionally, the chapter has gone paperless in most of their projects.
- Gamma Phi Beta should continue their work with the Office of Student Leadership Development, especially in regards to engagement from the juniors and seniors. Additionally, the chapter should start participating in the mentoring programs offered by OSLD.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Gamma Phi Beta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

### **Citizenship**

- The chapter is committed to working locally with service and philanthropic activities and globally with New Beginnings, which is an orphanage in Vietnam that is assisted by Gamma Phi Beta.
- Gamma Phi Beta has worked with the Boys and Girls club and participated in Gamma Phi Beta National Service Day. This not only provided meaningful service on a local level, but assisted the chapter in reconnecting with their International Headquarters.
- The chapter has partnered with other groups on smaller philanthropic and community service opportunities and has a balanced service program.
- Gamma Phi Beta's standards board is working well. It provides correction for behavior outside of the chapter's standards and recognizes exemplary behavior by members.
- The chapter is actively pursuing further involvement with their national philanthropy, Campfire USA. The committee recommends that the chapter researches the possibility of founding and/or supporting a local chapter.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Gamma Phi Beta a **Gold Chapter**.

### **Partnership**

- Gamma Phi Beta is committed to partnering with other groups. Examples include: a parent's softball tournament with Chi Phi Fraternity, the chapter's commitment to Green Living, and their leadership workshops with Lambda Chi Alpha.
- The committee would like to recognize Gamma Phi Beta's efforts with New Beginnings and appreciates their sense of local and global activism.

- Gamma Phi Beta has reestablished strong ties with their Inter/National Headquarters which will continue to benefit both organizations.
- The chapter has had involvement with the police department through their police liaison Sgt. Houtz, with their RAD program and with their medical amnesty program.
- Gamma Phi Beta excelled in the area of alumni contact this year. Their newsletter, website, alumni courier night, and involving alumni in their initiation ceremony are all exemplary activities.
- Gamma Phi Beta is commended for their work with the environmental coalition. The committee recommends they continue to work with Dr. Shahagan to become a leader in Green Living throughout the Lehigh community.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Gamma Phi Beta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

### Stewardship

- The Chapter house is well maintained and respected by members.
- Gamma Phi Beta's damages this year were general "wear and tear" and they were dealt with them in an efficient and mature manner.
- Gamma Phi Beta has reengaged with the international focus on chapter stated values and is commended for this action.
- Gamma Phi Beta has formal meetings twice a month and has incorporated their ritual into many facets of chapter life especially new member education.
- The chapter, in re-establishing their connection to their ritual has re-involved chapter alumnae in organizational values.
- Gamma Phi Beta's Green initiative is recognized as a Best Practice.
- Gamma Phi Beta should consider sending one or more members to the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute this summer, so as to further the progress they are making in providing a meaningful experience for the membership.

In the area of **Stewardship**, the committee rated Gamma Phi Beta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

### Overall Rating

#### Gamma Phi Beta

Gamma Phi Beta has developed as an organization in the past three years and they should focus on solidifying that development for future generations of sisters. The chapter had a very good year, and deserves the recognition that they are receiving.

Gamma Phi Beta has done an excellent job this year of reconnecting with their nationally stated values and their ritual. Additionally, the chapter needs to maintain the strong connections they have developed with their alumni and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. The sisters have learned to understand the benefit of continued partnership with other organizations, as well as supporting timely causes such as the Green initiative currently on campus.

**The accreditation committee has assigned Gamma Phi Beta an overall rating of Gold.**

The highest level of achievement in the process, with all that 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 on your outstanding work and efforts this year!

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## **Best Practices**

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