

PSI UPSILON

Accreditation Report
2007-2008

Scholarship

- Psi Upsilon has a grade point average of 2.932 for the fall 2007 semester, which ranks them 14th among fraternities. In the spring 2008 semester, the chapter improved to 10th among the fraternities with a 3.048.
- The chapter new member spring 2008 GPA was 2.954, which was 10th among fraternities.
- The chapter had 23% of the chapter make Dean's list in the fall 2007 semester and 15% make Dean's list in the spring 2008 semester.
- The chapter has truly embraced the recommendations from last year by having a more formalized training and holding members more accountable in the area of scholarship.
- The chapter has put some academic awards in place but the committee recommends that the chapter continues to assess their academic awards. One recommendation would be to continue to assess their academic awards making them extend beyond just highest grade point average among classes. This method does not account for chapter members who are middle of the road or lower and have seen their grades rise.
- Psi Upsilon had worked hard with the Center for Academic Success and their alums on programming and resource compilation for scholarship needs. The chapter is beginning to see results and needs to stick with the plan.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Psi Upsilon to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Leadership

- The committee would like to award a Best Practice for their list of values based recruitment activities that do not require a lot of funds. The committee would like to see this practice used as a model to help other chapters continue to move in that direction.
- The committee would like to award a Best Practice for the chapter's officer assessment program. While several chapters are now doing this, Psi U has a formal process that's well thought out in writing and happens periodically over the course of the semester, so it allows realistic feedback and opportunity for chapter members to improve.
- The chapter continues to successfully partner with the Office of Student Leadership Development.
- Over 60% of the chapter holds leadership positions and members are also involved in other student organizations on campus as well.
- The chapter should be credited for the hard work they have put in with their new member program. The chapter's plan was used as an example for other chapter's to follow regarding format and activities that took place during the program. Representatives of the new member class who spoke during the accreditation

presentation did a great job at articulating the experiences and satisfaction with the program.

- The chapter was chosen as an organization to host the Board of Trustees during the Student Learning Outcomes visit.
- Overall this is an area that has become a cornerstone of Psi Upsilon and they continue to excel.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Psi Upsilon to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Citizenship

- The chapter had no code of conduct violations this past year.
- The chapter still does a good job with community service in the Bethlehem area.
- The committee recommends that the chapter tie in all of their service activities to a common vision for the chapter to be committed to.
- The chapter does a good job assisting other groups, especially with philanthropic efforts.
- The committee would like to award a Best Practice for the position review process seeing that it involved members input in the day to day operation of the chapter house.
- The chapter's standards board has been in place for two years now and is beginning to work. Rewriting of their by-laws is currently underway. The chapter is assessing what is working and what is not.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Psi Upsilon to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Partnership

- The chapter partners very well with their National Headquarters
- The chapter has visited 18 chapters this year and they have hosted several Psi U chapters at Lehigh this year.
- The chapter has assisted in two other Psi U colonizations on other campuses this year.
- The chapter partners well with their alumni on various educational and social activities.
- The chapter had solid partnerships with chapters on other chapter community service and philanthropic programming.
- The chapter has continuously worked on various projects with the Office of Community Service, especially with the annual Spooktacular event.

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

Stewardship

- Psi U is ranked second lowest in damages out of all chapters.
- The chapter had no life safety violations this year
- The chapter does a good job at articulating Psi Upsilon's values in terms of day to day operation and with their new members.
- The chapter proposed a Greek Week event his year, but it did not get approved.
- The chapter is involved with intramural sports.
- The chapter turns all paperwork in on time.
- The closing of the Psi Upsilon chapter facility went smoothly, however the chapter needs to do a better job of accounting for all of the university purchased furniture.
- The chapter is fiscally sound despite the set back they faced during with semester due to equipment failure in the kitchen.

In the area of **Stewardship**, the committee rated Psi Upsilon to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Overall Rating

Overall, Psi Upsilon is rated **Silver** for the 2008-09 academic year. The chapter continues to be one of the most innovative and proactive organizations in the fraternity and sorority community. Psi Upsilon has embraced the concept of values based leadership and is doing an outstanding job of developing leaders. The chapter's academic plan has been well thought out and is beginning to pay dividends. Psi Upsilon is on their way to becoming a hallmark chapter at Lehigh.

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Recommendations

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