

CHI PSI

Accreditation Report
2008-2009

Scholarship

- Chi Psi had a fall GPA of 2.63 which ranked them 18th among fraternities, below the All Men's, All Fraternity and All Greek GPA's. The chapter's spring grade point average is 2.75, which ranks them 21st amongst fraternities, below the All Men's, All Fraternity and All Greek GPA's.
- In the fall 2008 semester, the chapter had 10% of their men on Dean's List. In the spring 2009 semester 5% of the chapter was on Dean's List.
- The chapter's spring 2009 new member GPA was 2.73, ranking 15th out of 20 fraternities.
- The chapter recognizes the need to totally hash out and revamp their current academic plan. They have reached out to Phi Sigma Kappa to help them out as this chapter was once facing the same issues. The committee commends the chapter for reaching out and creating this partnership
- The chapter made it a priority to renovate their library into an area that is more conducive to studying. It was originally used for storage purposes.
- Chi Psi has a good relationship with Professor Dork Sahagan.
- The chapter held one workshop with the Center for Academic Success this year. The committee recommends that as the chapter works to develop their plan that they build a more formal relationship with Kelly Grim and her staff.
- The chapter has a history of academic performance with their members. The committee recommends that the chapter rethink their standards for living in the chapter house and being an active brother of the fraternity. We do have concerns about their GPA standards. The committee feels that the chapter can raise their standards and still look for ways to assist chapter members who are having difficulty meeting those standards with the campus resources provided for them.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Chi Psi to be a **Poor Chapter**.

Leadership

- The chapter will have a brother involved in the GEM mentor program for the first time in the chapter's history.
- Chi Psi was one of the few chapters who completed a goal setting workshop with their entire membership and not just their Executive Board- from Jess
- The Committee recommends that the chapter move to a point where they use their goal setting experience as a basis for their accreditation presentation; identifying where improvements were made and still need to be met.
- The Committee recommends that Chi Psi concentrate their leadership development efforts on their Executive Board for the next year to move forward with their growth and knowledge of effectively engaging their membership.

- Chi Psi should be commended for trying to find ways to reach out. The chapter had one sophomore member who sat on the accreditation panel this year, which is a new and rewarding experience that they can learn from.
- The chapter continues to work with their headquarters in setting up risk management workshops and consultation visits. The committee would like to see the chapter identify more formal ways to connect to the programmatic efforts that their headquarters offers to their chapters and ways to implement them here at Lehigh.
- The chapter has great involvement with Lehigh's athletics program. The committee recommends that the chapter works to find innovative ways to include this unique dynamic to their overall chapter leadership plan.
- Chi Psi has a point distribution system that is weighted on the major position of Chapter President. The committee recommends that the chapter find a way to rework this as it may allow for overall chapter motivation and accountability
- The committee recommends that the chapter take advantage of the leadership opportunities through the Athletic Leadership Coordinator, Julie Sterrett, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, The Office of Student Leadership Development and other campus organizations.
- The chapter attended their National Convention over the summer where they were recognized with the a Founders Trophy nomination, the Financial Honor Roll Award, the Community Service Award
- The chapter held a officer transition workshop with the Office of Student Leadership Development, which had good reports from the presenter, a fellow fraternity member.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Chi Psi to be a **Bronze Chapter**.

Citizenship

- The chapter had one conduct violation which they took responsibility for.
- Chi Psi does a lot of community service in the local Bethlehem community including work with Habitat for Humanity, New Bethany Ministries and the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem. They take pride in giving back to a great cause through actual service rather than philanthropy.
- The chapter hosted the Rock the Vote event with several other Greek lettered organizations for the Presidential Election period. The event was well attended and received by the campus community
- The chapter does a great job of supporting other Greek sponsored events as well as campus wide event. Chi Psi's support includes: Alpha Chi Omega's Kristen's Story, Delta Gamma's Fashion for a Cure, Panhel Adopt-a-Family, Know Your Rights by CL Lindsay and Can I Kiss You.
- Chi Psi required every brother to perform 4 hours of community service each semester. Many of them go above and beyond this set guideline. Brothers much formally document their experience and submit this documentation to the community service chair.
- The committee recommends the chapter formally track and submit their community service hours to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
- The chapter created a great partnership with the Red Cross in order to give back to a charitable organization. Their initial pledge is \$1000.

- The chapter participated in the United Way Lehigh Valley Auto Show in the spring. Chi Psi was commended for their work during the show even though they were asked to help out at the last minute.
- Chi Psi's standards board is a working progress but improvement on what the chapter has had in the past.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Chi Psi to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Partnership

- Chi Psi continues to foster a great relationship with the Boys and Girls Club through their Annual Pumpkin Carving event for the local children at the center.
- The chapter partnered with numerous other chapters for the Hill Rocks the Vote event.
- The committee recommends that the chapter take more advantage of the partnership potential with their alumni. The chapter should look for other examples from chapters that do this well.
- The chapter created the new position of Alumni Relations Chair this year. The committee recommends that the chapter continues to develop this position.
- The chapter reinstated alumni dinners with the new members. Being a good tradition year ago, the chapter decided to implement it again as a way to connect to alumni. The committee recommends that this becomes a permanent aspect of their new member education plan.
- The chapter created a partnership with the Red Cross for their philanthropy for the upcoming year.
- The chapter created a new partnership with Alpha Phi for their American Red Cross Benefit car wash.
- The chapter partnered with Professor Andrew Kay for a faculty/staff Tango Night. It was well attended by both faculty and brothers of the chapter.
- Chi Psi has started to look for partnership opportunities within the Greek community to help them in areas that they struggle with. The committee encourages the chapter to continue to make this a practice.
- The chapter has been very strategic and intentional with their partnership opportunities this year and took the recommendations the committee gave them from last year.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Chi Psi to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Stewardship

- Chi Psi does a great job with keeping their chapter facility in good shape. They have made several small renovations to different areas of the chapter house.
- The chapter is very active in intramurals
- The committee recommends that the chapter continues the growth they have developed with their national headquarters. The committee commends the efforts of the chapter thus far. However, it is a desire of the committee that the chapter really begins to understand the nationally stated values and what that really means with the

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Overall Rating

Overall, Chi Psi is rated Bronze. The chapter has made improvements, but there is still work to be done. They need to continue to look for ways to break out of feeling boxed in as an organization due to the rigorous schedules of the athletes whom make up the majority of the chapter. However, the chapter has begun to understand what partnership looks like. They need to improve their scholarship. If the chapter can find basic leadership and partnership opportunities, become more consistent and foster some basic foundations, the committee feels that Chi Psi could move up very quickly.

The accreditation committee assigns Chi Psi an overall rating of Bronze Chapter, which is considered a solid level of achievement in the accreditation process, with all the privileges that accompany such a rating.

Recommendations:

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