

DELTA TAU DELTA

Accreditation Report

2008-2009

Scholarship

- Delta Tau Delta was ranked 4th amongst fraternities in the fall 2008 semester with a GPA of 3.245, which placed them above the All Men, All Fraternity, All Undergraduate, and All Greek GPA averages. The chapter was ranked 3rd amongst fraternities in the spring 2009 semester with a 3.230 GPA, which was above the All Men's, All Fraternity and All Greek GPA's.
- Delta Tau Delta's spring 2009 new member class GPA was 3.071, ranking 5th out of 20 fraternities.
- In the fall 2008 semester, the chapter had 21% of men on the Dean's List. In the spring 2009 semester, 22% of the chapter made Dean's List.
- The committee feels that the chapter has a strong academic program, including academic teams, incentives, house points, and a plan for helping struggling brothers. The committee recommends the chapter take some time next year to re-examine the program to make sure it is serving their members in the best possible way. The Center for Academic Success could be a great resource in this area.
- The committee identifies the online course database program that is being established as a best practice.
- The chapter has continued working closely with Professor Jill Schneider as their faculty advisor. She has been to several chapter meetings and has held some discussions with the membership on various topics of interest.

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

Leadership

- Delta Tau Delta continues to participate in their national member development program. The chapter continues to conduct programming that meets the interests and needs of the brotherhood while providing intellectual development.
- The committee recommends the chapter continue to work to focus their leadership program so that it not only makes the chapter run very well, but also enhances the leadership skills of their individual members.
- The chapter's organizational structure seems to work well for them.
- Mid-year reviews were conducted by the executive board with the admin board for the first time this year. This is a great first step and the committee recommends the chapter expand this review process to include feedback from the entire membership regarding all positions.
- The chapter needs to begin thinking about how they are going to keep their seniors involved next semester with twelve living off campus. The brothers do not seem to

have a formal strategy or plan in place at this time and should continue working with their Advisors or Greek Life Coordinator to devise a plan.

- The chapter includes all members in committees, but should examine the composition of its committees to ensure that every leader is not on twelve different committees.
- The chapter worked with Jessica Diehl in the Office of Student Leadership Development this year to conduct three workshops focused on topics for the executive board and administrative board. The committee would like to see the chapter expand their relationship with this office in the upcoming year for leadership programming and assistance with officer transition.
- The chapter has many individuals functioning in leadership roles across campus, including Student Senate, Leadership Lehigh, Sophomore Class President, and next year's Interfraternity Council.
- The chapter has 2 members in Order of Omega.
- Delta Tau Delta sends a good number of students to national and regional conferences. The brothers were recognized at their Eastern Divisional Conference with Court of Honor. The chapter is ranked 16th nationally.

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

Citizenship

- The chapter has had three social policy violations in the past year, and currently on Disciplinary and Social Probation.
- Delta Tau Delta members are doing gold level work in the area of community service and philanthropy. The chapter was honored by their National Headquarters with the Outstanding Philanthropy Award at the Eastern Divisional Conference.
- The chapter hosted their first charity band concert with Theta Xi fraternity and has continued yearly events with other chapters such as the car wash and midnight munchies to raise money for philanthropies.
- The chapter participated in Relay for Life and worked with Alpha Chi Omega to organize a dunk tank to raise money prior to the event.
- The chapter members have continued their commitment to the Boys and Girls Club, sending brothers each week to work with the children. In addition, Delta Tau Delta partnered with Chi Phi and Delta Upsilon to organize and attend a Lehigh basketball game with the children.
- Delta Tau Delta brothers worked with Alpha Phi Omega service organization once again this year to organize Fall Fest.
- The chapter seems to be actively working to comply with their International social policies, but more focus is needed in terms of compliance with the university social policy and proactive prevention of violations. The chapter has had three violations of Lehigh's social policy this year.
- The chapter's honor board is very well organized and seems to work well for holding members accountable.

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

Partnership

- The committee is very impressed with the strong relationship with the Delta Tau Delta inter/national office.
- The chapter has consistently worked to build alumni relations and continued this year through an organized alumni golf outing, the addition of several new alumni to advisory roles, and newsletter and website communications.
- Delta Tau Delta partnered with sororities for many events and has begun to reach out to fraternities for partnerships. The men also continue to co-host Fall Fest with Alpha Phi Omega service organization.
- The chapter worked closely with Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Delta Gamma to host Mark Sterner, a national speaker on DUI and its consequences, for the entire Greek community.
- The committee encourages the chapter to continue to partner with other fraternities as they have done this year with Theta Xi.
- The committee encourages the chapter to better define their concept of partnership. The chapter co-sponsors and attends events on campus with other organizations and offices, but the men are at a place where they should take it to the next level.
- The chapter hosted a continental breakfast and dinner for parents during Parent/Family Weekend.

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

Stewardship

- The chapter has started to show some improvement, but the brothers need to spend a lot more time learning to really respect their chapter facility. This was particularly an issue at closing, especially with the senior wing of the facility.
- The chapter did not turn in their room condition form binder at closing.
- The chapter's damages at the end of the year were among the highest in the fraternity and sorority community.
- The committee would like to see Delta Tau Delta improve on their diligence in returning individual furniture to rooms per opening standards.
- The chapter was inconsistent in attending meetings involving the facility, including one on ones and life safety inspections.
- The committee is concerned that the chapter's cleaning system is not as effective as it could be given the number of incidents reported this year with regards to excessive cleaning.
- Delta Tau Delta seems to really connect with ritual.
- The chapter participated in Greek Week this year, including hosting Delt's Dodgeball.
- The chapter takes intramurals seriously and was awarded the President's Cup for this year's successes.
- The committee identifies the requirement of the treasurer's approval and signature for purchases made by members as a best practice.

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

Overall Rating

The committee assigns Delta Tau Delta an overall rating of Silver. Delta Tau Delta continues to be a well run and consistently high achieving chapter. The organization has an excellent relationship with Delta Tau Delta Inter/National Headquarters and has become a constant contender for national awards. The committee is concerned, however, with Delta Tau Delta's lack of regard for relationships and policies at Lehigh University. The chapter has far too often shown disregard for the chapter facility as well as relationships with individuals and departments that work with the chapter. This disregard is what is keeping the chapter from achieving at Lehigh at the highest level on a continual basis. This is where Delta Tau Delta should be, and the committee expects the chapter to continue to work to get there.

The committee assigns Delta Tau Delta an overall rating of Silver Chapter, 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.

Best Practices:

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Recommendations:

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