

DELTA UPSILON

Accreditation Report

2008-2009

Scholarship

- In the fall 2008 semester, Delta Upsilon ranked 15th amongst fraternities, with a 2.933 GPA, which placed them below the All-Greek, All-Men's, and All-Fraternity Averages. In the spring 2009 semester, the chapter ranked 12th amongst fraternities overall, with a 3.04 GPA, which placed them below the All-Greek, All-Men's, and All-Fraternity Averages, but showed marked improvement.
- The chapter had 10% of members on Dean's List in the fall 2008 semester and 8% of members on Dean's List in the spring 2009 semester.
- Delta Upsilon's spring 2009 new member class GPA was 3.05, ranking 7th out of 20 fraternities.
- The chapter partnered with the Center for Academic Success to host one program for their membership this year. The committee recommends that the chapter work to build a stronger relationship with this campus office.
- The chapter has a developed academic plan in place. The chapter needs to continue to augment and utilize this academic plan in an effort to assist chapter members in improving academic success. The committee finds the use of study hours, study buddies, and the chapter class referral program beneficial additions to the academic plan.
- Delta Upsilon's academic requirements for new membership need to be consistent with the overall chapter expectations. While the committee recognizes the chapter's want to help develop potential men into brothers, the chapter should utilize chapter resources prior to taking these men as brothers, in order to ensure that all brothers have the same consistent requirements once inducted, whether as a new initiate or a senior brother.
- The chapter continues to utilize faculty dinners, and relationships with the chapter's faculty advisor, Professor Terry Hart, to extend academic conversation outside of just class work.
- The chapter needs to find other ways to recognize academic success in the chapter, other than just Most Improved and Highest GPA awards. The committee recommends that the chapter look to other chapters in the fraternity and sorority community to find ideas and resources for better incentives.

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

Leadership

- Delta Upsilon is doing a better job of realizing the importance of having total membership involved in the decisions and operations of the chapter. This is an improvement from years past when the chapter leadership primarily consisted of one individual.
- The chapter has effectively utilized resources provided by their Inter/National Headquarters, including the attendance of four members at the Summer Leadership Institute and two members at the Delta Upsilon Winter Educational Conference.

- The Office of Student Leadership Development held a workshop for the chapter on balance. Through the development of this relationship in the spring semester, the chapter was able to program a couple other chapter planned seminars and an etiquette dinner. The committee is interested to see how this relationship progresses in the coming year.
- The chapter moved from an academic year election to a calendar year election. The committee is eager to see how this change will benefit the chapter, as chapter leadership will be present to provide guidance and resources to incoming officers in the future.
- Delta Upsilon made an effort to set tangible goals for the year, which they did through various planning sessions. In addition, the chapter has spent much time working on proper officer transitions, and expectations of membership.
- The fact that a portion of chapter membership consists of athletes continues to hurt the chapter in the fall semester, as the chapter has a hard time hosting programming for membership when a majority of members are not available. The committee recommends that the chapter try to find time for a least one membership development program a month for the membership during the fall semester, whether it is a seminar, a brotherhood event or a service project.

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

Citizenship

- Delta Upsilon has had no code of conduct violations this year. The committee commends the chapter on this as the chapter has made a sincere effort to be good citizens of the Lehigh community.
- The chapter has been very successful in utilizing their standards board to hold each brother accountable for their actions in the event of individual incidents. The current standards board policies work well, but the committee encourages the chapter to meet with the Dean of Student Conduct to review the policies for further revisions.
- Delta Upsilon has a strong commitment to community service. The committee commends the chapter on the chapter's developed relationship with the Center for Animal Health and Welfare, as this is a partnership that the chapter membership is very passionate about, and the Boys and Girls Club of Easton.
- The chapter's civic engagement was very strong this year with their involvement in two new programs for the fraternity and sorority community. "The Hill Rocks the Vote" and "Be the Change You Want to Be" were too very important programs that encouraged fraternity and sorority members to think about how their actions affect the general community.
- Delta Upsilon participated in a number of philanthropic events both hosted by the chapter and hosted by other organizations including "Workout for Muscular Dystrophy", "Election for Cancer Research", a haunted house co-sponsored with Kappa Alpha Theta, "Adopt a Family", among many others.
- The chapter has had strong involvement in athlete community service events, and the committee encourages the chapter members to merge their athlete and fraternity identities in understanding that the service they do for the athletic community also benefits their fraternity, and that should be represented in the community service hours completed by the chapter.

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

Partnership

- Delta Upsilon has a tradition and a reputation for building a strong relationship with their alumni. This has been something that the chapter has continued to augment throughout the years with the use of new technology, the chapter newsletter, and the chapter's new website.
- The chapter has been recognized on a number of levels for outstanding alumni, including Mark Parseghian's being awarded the Al Pedrick Award at the spring Greek Alumni Council meeting.
- Delta Upsilon hosted a number of successful alumni events this year, including a dedication of the chapter house in the fall, participation in an alumni dinner in Philadelphia, and a seminar with an alumni member in the spring.
- The chapter has a strong partnership with C.O.A.C.H. through its overlap of members in both athletics and the fraternity. The chapter also participates as a member of the Global Union Student Council. Additionally, the chapter co-sponsored a number of large events with other chapters including "Be the Change You Want to Be", "The Hill Rocks the Vote" and "Rock for Haiti".
- The committee would like to challenge the chapter to take on a larger co-sponsorship, in which the chapter leads other chapters in hosting a large scale program. Delta Upsilon is ready for an event of this caliber.
- The chapter has developed a very strong relationship with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. The committee commends the chapter for using its resources.
- Delta Upsilon continues to be a favorable partner in co-sponsorships with other chapters, but the committee would like to encourage the chapter to look for other partnerships outside the fraternity and sorority community.

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Stewardship

- Delta Upsilon was honored by Residential Services, with a nomination for Stewardship Chapter of the Year. The chapter continues to treat the house with respect and show understanding for their obligations related with house management.
- Damages were low and the chapter established a positive relationship with the Office of Residential Services.
- Delta Upsilon's understanding and pride in their practice of open ritual is considered a Best Practice. The committee is pleased with the chapter's commitment to this practice.
- Delta Upsilon received no social or conduct policy violations this year. The committee commends the chapter for learning from the mistakes of the past year and moving forward in a positive manner.

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Overall Rating

Delta Upsilon Overall receives a rating of Silver. The chapter is viewed by the community as a model of consistency. The committee is extremely proud of how far

they have come over the past few years. Delta Upsilon should continue to work on academics from all angles, especially recruitment of new members whom are achieving scholastically. If the chapter does this, and continues to set positive traditions based on the practices that have been implemented over the past few years, Delta Upsilon can become a consistently excellent chapter.

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.

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