

## **LSUA Hazing Policy**

In accordance with the purpose and philosophy of the Louisiana State University System, Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA), and the laws of the State of Louisiana, which include the belief that true fraternalism can be nurtured only in an atmosphere of social and moral responsibility and that hazing is inconsistent with the responsibility of student organizations to conduct safe, constructive student education, and in order to eliminate the harmful practice of hazing, LSUA establishes this policy to be complied with by all student organizations, including, but not limited to Greek social organizations, clubs and athletic teams.

- A. No student organization shall employ a program of student initiation/pledge education which includes "hazing".
- B. Hazing shall be defined as:
  - 1. Any action taken or situation created, whether on or off university property, which is life threatening to the individual; and
  - 2. kidnapping, paddling, slapping, branding, burning with cigarette, or any such activities which are life threatening to the individual or intended to physically hurt the individual or humiliate the individual mentally.
- C. Hazing may include, but is not limited to the following activities, when these activities are life threatening or intended to hurt physically or mentally humiliate an individual:
  - 1. Physical exercise, scavenger hunts, road trips, any activity resulting in excessive fatigue, physical or psychological shocks;
  - 2. Wearing apparel which is uncomfortable to the individual, or if worn publicly, is conspicuous or not normally in good taste;
  - 3. engaging in public stunts or buffoonery, hair cutting, morally degrading or humiliating games or activities, giving of food or drink (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) which is distasteful or designed to provoke nausea or inebriation;
  - 4. Any form of verbal harassment, any action or situation which subjugates an individual to a condition where he/she might tend to lose self-respect or suffer injury to personal or religious values;
  - 5. Any activities which interfere with the students scholastic responsibilities; and
  - 6. The use of obscenities and vulgarities in dress, language or action.
- D. It shall be the duty of all current and prospective members to report immediately, in writing, any violation of this policy to the Director of Student Services, the Coordinator of Student Activities, and/or the University Police. Any alleged violation of this policy shall be investigated and appropriate disciplinary sanctions, as provided in the Code of Student Conduct will be imposed if the allegation is substantiated.
- E. This policy shall be published annually in the Student Organization Handbook, and will be distributed in the Student Organization Recertification Packet every fall, to insure dissemination each year. The president of each organization will be required to certify that he/she has disseminated the policy to the members of his/her organization.

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