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Dear Greek community member,

We hope all is well, whether you're busy with a summer internship, study abroad opportunity, or class, or perhaps you're enjoying some well-deserved time off from your studies. Regardless, we hope you are enjoying the summer recess!

This email should not come as a surprise to you; however, we felt it imperative to outreach to you regarding the upcoming implementation of the Greek Fee. Beginning with the Fall 2018 semester, every student who is a member of a fraternal organization associated with the Office of Fraternal Leadership & Learning will be assessed a \$50 Greek Fee. The Fee will be assessed every subsequent Spring and Fall semester, as long as the you are active in your organization. Students who are in their first semester of membership will not be assessed the Fee but will be assessed the Fee each semester for the duration of their membership at the University of Mississippi.

**How did the University come to this decision?**

In the wake of tragedies within prominent Greek communities throughout the past several years, Senior Student Affairs Leaders within the Southeastern Conference (SEC) determined that staffing structures associated with Greek Life needed to be reevaluated and adequate resources allocated to support education and accountability within fraternity and sorority communities. Additional revenue was needed in order to actualize these resources at the University of Mississippi. Many SEC Greek communities are already assessing a Greek Fee, while others are in the early stages of implementation, which prompted our consideration of a Fee as well.

**Who was consulted about the Fee?**

By now, we hope that your chapter leadership and/or chapter advisor(s) have discussed with you their involvement in the many conversations that have been had throughout the Fall 2017 semester and early Spring 2018 semester concerning this Fee. Council officers, chapter presidents, chapter advisors, and other University stakeholders have all had the opportunity to engage in dialogue and provide feedback concerning the Greek Fee. The Greek Fee has been discussed at Greek Council meetings, the Annual Greek Summit in January of 2018, Chapter Advisor meetings, and during dedicated office hours in the Fraternal Leadership & Learning office.

**What will the Fee be used for at the University of Mississippi?**

At the University of Mississippi, the Greek Fee will primarily provide a long-term funding model for the Office of Fraternal Leadership & Learning to support additional staff and to provide new programming to the entire Greek community. We have one of the largest Greek communities in the country with one of the smallest staffs. Serving a community of over 7,000 students, which comprises roughly 41% of the undergraduate student population, the Office of Fraternal Leadership & Learning supports student leaders, chapters, governing councils, chapter advisors, inter/national organization relationships, local house directors, and house corporations, and more resources are needed to provide this support adequately.

New staff members will provide further educational trainings and opportunities to the many constituents associated with the community to ensure that Fraternal Leadership & Learning continues to enact the very values espoused in its name. More specifically, the Greek Fee will

support programming initiatives related to alcohol and other drugs prevention, diversity and inclusion education, academic support, violence prevention, hazing prevention, leadership development, and community building initiatives.

**What if I still have questions?**

To learn more about the Greek Fee and its conception, please check out Fraternal Leadership & Learning's website at [www.greeks.olemiss.edu](http://www.greeks.olemiss.edu).

Please know that the decision to institute this Fee was not taken lightly. We had numerous conversations and reviewed a number of models to determine what would be best for our fraternity and sorority community in the short- and long-term. In addition, we want to be transparent with all of you, which is why we are communicating with you directly about this Fee before its implementation this fall. The bottom line is our fraternity and sorority community needs additional support if we want to continue to offer a safe, educational, and fun experience to our students, and we believe the Fee will help us continue to offer that experience.

We are looking forward to all of the exciting advancements for Fraternal Leadership & Learning and the community it serves!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur E. Doctor, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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