**Fraternity and Sorority Life Terms**

* Active: A member who has been initiated into lifelong fraternity or sorority membership and participates in chapter activities at the collegiate level
* Alumni(ae): An initiated fraternity or sorority member who has graduated from college or withdrawn from the campus
* Badge: The pin of an initiated member or new member
* Bid: A formal invitation to membership in a fraternity or sorority
* Call or chant: An audible sound used by members to acknowledge or gain the attention of other members. Calls may vary regionally within organizations and some organizations may use more than one call.
* Chapter: The local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority
* Continuous Open Bidding (COB): The period outside of formal recruitment when a fraternity or sorority with membership may extend bids.
* Collegian/Collegiate Member: A formally initiated member of a fraternity or sorority
* College Panhellenic Council (CPC): The governing body of the seven Panhellenic sororities at UWG
* Crossed: The same as being initiated. The term means different things to different groups, but generally means crossing over from being a pledge to being a full member.
* Drop: The term used to refer to someone who de-pledged or stopped pledging
* Formal Recruitment: A period of structured membership selection
* Fraternity: A name applying to all Greek Letter organizations by ritual, pin, and strong ties to friendship and moral principles
* Hop: A distinct dance done specifically by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; usually done at functions
* Interfraternity Council (IFC): One of three governing body of fraternities at UWG
* Informational Meeting: A meeting to gain insight about an organization
* Intake: A discrete process that an individual goes through to become a recognized member of a NPHC or MGC organization
* Initiation: A formal ceremony that brings about the transition from new members to initiated members
* Legacy: A family member of a fraternity or sorority member
* Line: A term somewhat equal to a new member class
* National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC): Governing body of the historically African American “Divine Nine” organizations
* Neophyte: New member of an NPHC or MGC organization
* New member (Aspirant or Candidate): A person who has promised to join a fraternity or sorority, but has not been initiated
* Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): A council governing the culturally based organizations
* Philanthropy: A charity undertaken by fraternity or sorority chapters on a campus, community, or national level.
* Pin/Badge: The active pin is worn on the chest designating an initiated member of a certain chapter. A new member pin is similar and is used to designate a new member of a chapter.
* Potential New Member (PNM): A person interested in being a member of a fraternity or sorority
* Preferencing During the last part of Panhellenic sorority recruitment, a potential new member determines which particular sorority she is willing to join. The potential new member lists three sororities in her order of preference
* Quota: The specified number of new members each Panhellenic sorority can accept during formal recruitment
* Recommendation: A letter written by a member of the fraternity or sorority recommending men or women for membership
* Recruitment Counselor (RC): A sorority member who has disaffiliated during Recruitment to assist Potential New Members.
* Ritual: The values and beliefs by which members of an organization live which is oftentimes depicted in organizational ceremonies
* Sorority: An organization of women that emphasizes leadership and personal development, banded together for education, philanthropic, civic, and social purposes
* Stroll: A line dance done by members of cultural Greek organizations; usually done at functions