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Delta Gamma Fraternity Closes Epsilon Pi-Connecticut

Columbus, Ohio – Delta Gamma Fraternity Council voted to withdraw the charter of Epsilon Pi chapter at the University of Connecticut. The chapter was notified on March 20, 2017.

“The tragic death of a new member greatly affected Delta Gamma Fraternity and caused Council to reflect on the member experience at Epsilon Pi,” said Fraternity President **Stacia Rudge Skoog**. “The decision to close a chapter is never easy, but Council strongly feels it is in the best interest of the chapter and University of Connecticut community.”

New information discovered during a recent University investigation into an unregistered event, coupled with repeated policy violations over the last several years, led Council to the decision to close the chapter indefinitely.

The chapter has been on and off status with the Fraternity and University since spring 2014 for risk management concerns and policy violations. These statuses mean that the chapter received more assistance and resources from the Fraternity than the “average” chapter. The chapter received 17 Fraternity visitors since 2012.

Delta Gamma holds all members and chapters to the standard outlined in Article II of our Constitution:

The objects of this Fraternity shall be to foster high ideals of friendship among women, to promote their educational and cultural interests, to create in them a true sense of social responsibility and to develop in them the best qualities of character.

“Chapters unwilling to follow the policies, procedures and safeguards required by Delta Gamma do not provide the experience to our members that we expect,” said Skoog.

Epsilon Pi will remain a valued part of the Delta Gamma sisterhood. Epsilon Pi was established at the University of Connecticut in 1983. Since that time, the chapter has initiated 1,001 women. While there is the possibility that Delta Gamma could return to the University of Connecticut in the future, there are no plans to do so at this time.

About Delta Gamma Delta Gamma Fraternity was founded in 1873 at the Lewis School in Oxford, Mississippi. The objects of the Fraternity shall be to foster high ideals of friendship among women, to promote their educational and cultural interests, to create in them a true sense of social responsibility and to develop in them the best qualities of character. Today we have more than 240,000 initiated members, 149 collegiate chapters and more than 220 alumnae groups. Delta Gamma Fraternity Executive Offices is in Columbus, Ohio.