

Hi all,

Here is the email that was just sent to Greek Leadership:

Dear Panhellenic, Pan-Hellenic, and Interfraternity Leaders,

We, the 2020 Executive Board of the UR Panhellenic Council, write to inform you of our collective resignation from our executive positions. In light of the stories and experiences expressed on the [@abolishrichmondgreeklife](#) Instagram page, we will not remain in our positions and represent the UR Panhellenic Community.

We continue to read and hear about the harm and pain that the Panhellenic Recruitment structure causes members of our campus community, both inside and outside of the Panhellenic community. We have read about and understand the violence against womxn on our campus that has occurred by Interfraternity Council chapter members and we no longer wish to be associated with the IFC community as leaders within Panhellenic. We have viewed the ways in which Panhellenic womxn, ourselves included, have contributed to continued segregation on our campus and the ways in which our community perpetrates this segregation. We each have gained friendships and numerous privileges due to our affiliation with Panhellenic sororities and in our roles on the Panhellenic Executive Council, but we now know and validate how much harm these privileges do to other members of our campus community.

Each of us have realized that our individual and personal values do not align with the systemic issues within Panhellenic Greek life. We will no longer remain complicit to an organization we no longer morally align with. Further, our collective resignation reflects our shared concern with the internal problems of Greek Life.

To members of the Panhellenic community, please know that this is not a decision we have made lightly. These are positions we each committed to for the full 2020 calendar year and individually struggled with resigning before our terms are complete. We are not quitting on our friendships, but rather we are quitting on the Greek system and the systemic issues we know exist within our community that we consider unfixable.

We apologize sincerely for any harm and pain that our involvement with Panhellenic or our leadership has caused. We know our resignation does not resolve these problems or absolve us of this harm, but we intend to individually work to improve our campus community, despite our resignation.

Please share this email with your chapter members and whomever else you see fit. We are attempting, in the best way we can, to remain transparent with our resignation. In line with this, we will be posting a public announcement on the [@urpanhellenic](#) Instagram page at 7pm EST. If possible, please notify your chapters of our resignation prior to this.

Thank you all so much for your time and for reading and sharing this email. Please forward any Panhellenic questions or concerns to Lisa McCoy, [lmccoy@richmond.edu](mailto:lmccoy@richmond.edu).

Sincerely,

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