

Greek Living Leaders: Running Supreme Organization

Many may only see collegiate Greek life as a social group who hides their partying behind community service hours and charitable donations. However, I wish to challenge that stereotype by emphasizing the professional development and self-improvement opportunity that's presented to Greek life members - especially people who hold leadership positions. Currently, I serve my one-hundred member sorority as chapter president and assist other officers to keep up a well-balanced, structured, and involved organization.

Fraternities and sororities must operate as a small business first, and a socialite second in order to be successful. I would like to point out some key concepts that show the relation between Greek organizations and businesses.

Greek organizations:

- . Divide officers into teams to focus on specific regions of the chapter
- . Must operate on a strict budget, fueled solely from member's dues
- . Must market themselves well in order to continue to recruit new members
- . Have mission statements and values to put up their members to and gear their brand
- . Must follow rules from, and report to, their national headquarters
- . Have insurance to cover their organization and its members, in addition to many policies and procedures in place for holding events

These are just a couple of points that show [τλμσ](#): [ειδ](#): [εων](#): [ετς](#): [εμ](#): [ρ](#): [α](#): [σ](#): [ι](#): [δ](#): [σ](#): [ε](#): [ω](#): [ν](#): [ε](#): [τ](#): [ε](#): [σ](#): [μ](#): [ρ](#): [α](#): [σ](#): how Greek organizations are ran as the ultimate business, combining friendship with professionalism and offering members a good opportunity for private development.

As president, I see all sides of managing a Greek organization and must help every officer no real matter what team her position is really a part of. My days are filled up with constantly making decisions and weighing the consequences. I discovered to create fair decisions that benefit the more good, while remaining unbiased in the process. I also answer to everyone's questions and concerns while problem solving when an unplanned event takes place. As an example, we'd a tiny crisis with flyers that were made to market an event we were having. Once they came in, we noticed the contact email on the flyers was spelled wrong. After some deliberation, we decided to use the flyers we had and made a fresh email with the typo included.

A huge section of owning a successful organization works well and professional communication. Our main forum of communication between officers and the advisory board is emailing. I have discovered just how to properly send and react to emails in a professional manner. My communication skills have improved substantially since being fully a leader of my chapter. I discovered to communicate concisely and format information in the very best way. I have discovered providing information in bullet lists is the better way to get members to read messages fully. Our officers must hold team meetings and get reports of progress in the different areas on the team. Officers are accountable for organizing their very own meetings and taking minutes to record the thing that was discussed. Greek organizations teach members to effectively and professionally communicate through emailing, holding meetings, and working together with others.

One of the most valuable traits that I'm still learning through my presidency, is ways to get more comfortable with hard conversations. I work closely with your Director of Standards and Ethics to ensure our members are holding themselves to your high ideals and values. When someone is falling behind, it's our job to possess conversations together about why this really is happening and what we are able to do to ensure it does not happen again. These tough conversations become even tougher when remembering that the members of our chapter will also be our friends and sisters. As a leader of a Greek organization, I'm understanding how to have these hard conversations while remaining in control of myself and the conversation.

Greek life has much more to provide than the social part of the business, and can truly prepare adults to become listed on the professional world. Through developing members personally, and developing officers professionally, Greek organizations will offer life-changing collegiate experiences that can't be found elsewhere.

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